

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Season of Expense

CHRISTMAS this year will probably be rated as the dearest ever when the final reckoning of the family budget is made. Because of the Colony's reliance upon the imported article, the inflationary spiral overseas is reflected on the price tags of a wide range of goods on sale in Hongkong, and all are in one way or another essential ingredients of Christmas. Small economies are possible here and there but seasonal obligations and demands are not easily pruned and the end result will undoubtedly show that little saving has been effected by, say, cutting out Christmas cards or sending fewer presents. We may mumble helplessly: "A curse on Dickens for creating Scrooge." For does not the suggestion of the slightest economy give rise to the vision of that mean and lonely figure, a despoiled outcast in the season of goodwill to men? The fact that our problem is shared by millions of families in all parts of the world is small consolation.

BUT since Christmas is a family occasion and one particularly welcomed by the children the expense entailed is perhaps more acutely felt by the young families; for them there is the choice of suitable gifts for extremely discerning and critical recipients. And not one gift per child either! In the family alone, there is generally the "main present" for each child, various "subsidiary" or smaller gifts (dictated by the fact that Johnny's present cost \$40 and Mary's had to be made up to equal the value of Johnny's, and then Mary couldn't be given two presents and Johnny only one.... and so the vicious circle continues) and finally gifts for the all-important stocking or, for the more fortunate, the pillow case. But we venture to suggest that the former (and the smallest one possible at that) will be more popular this year.

SEARCHING the toy departments of many stores in the Colony, parents have doubtless been appalled at the prices: \$20 for a mediocre doll and \$10 for a simple mechanical car, for example. The natural reaction is: could not these goods be provided cheaper by our own industries in Hongkong? Parents who spent their childhood in China cannot fail to recall the excellent quality wooden toys made by the local carpenter before the war—castles that would do justice to any battalion of killed lead Highlanders or brigade of scarlet-coated Guards, and dolls' houses (all-electric), a perfect miniature of a Taipeian home. These and many others offer a wide scope to local industry and it is a field of production which local manufacturers should earnestly consider developing—not only for the local industry but for the export trade.

THE Chairman of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, Mr. Hui Ngok raised a similar point in his address at the opening of this year's 12th Exhibition last week when he said: "A substantial market for local products exists in Hongkong itself—a market which we feel has not yet been sufficiently developed." But it is also essential for the Colony's industries to survey the needs of the local market and, where possible, to broaden the range of output to meet this demand. Certainly it appears there is scope for development for toy-makers. And it is reasonable to predict that in many lines they will be able to compete favourably against overseas producers.

ENGLAND WINS THE SECOND TEST

Tyson In Deadly Form

Thrilling Finish As Australians Hit Out

Sydney Dec. 22.
England today won the second Test match in Sydney by the slender margin of 38 runs.

The final result was in doubt almost to the last minute of the game. Australia's eighth wicket fell at 145 but then Neil Harvey and Bill Johnston lashed out at the bowling in a desperate bid to win.

Bill Johnston skied two fours and in attempting another big hit was caught behind by Godfrey Evans off Tyson.

Frank Tyson was England's hero. He took six of the Australian wickets for 85 runs.

Neil Harvey was Australia's hero. He batted soundly throughout the innings for 92 not out.

Frank Tyson sent England off to a flying start on opening of play today by clean bowling Burke and Hole in the same over after Australia's overnight score of 72 for two had advanced to only 77.

Burke was yorked for 14 and Hole bowled for a duck.

Then Tyson made a good catch in the outfield, when Benaud attempted a big hit off Appleyard after the fifth wicket partnership had added 29 runs and looked like laying the foundations for victory.

Benaud made 12—and Australia was five down for 100.

EXCELLENT FIELDING
England's bowling and fielding this morning was described by commentators as "excellent, with every man continually on his toes."

Amid considerable suspense Tyson struck again for England in his first over after lunch—bowling Archer for six, and Australia was 122 for six.

Archer had survived two appeals for leg before just before he was dismissed.

STUNNED UPROOTED
The match had definitely swung in favour of England when Davidson was caught by Evans off Statham for five and Lindwall had his off-stump uprooted by Tyson for eight.

The wickets fell at 127 and 138—and Australia had only three wickets left and still 88 runs behind.

England 1st Innings: 154
2nd Innings: 286

Australia 1st Innings: 228 runs
Australia 2nd Innings: 10

A. Morris, bow b. Statham 10
L. Favel, c. Edrich b. Tyson 16
Burke, b. Tyson 14
Neil Harvey, not out 82
Hole, b. Tyson 0
Benaud, c. Tyson b. Appleyard 12
Archer, b. Tyson 0
Davidson, c. Evans b. Statham 5
Lindwall, b. Tyson 8
Langley, b. Statham 0
Johnston, c. Evans b. Tyson 11
Extras 10

Total 184
Fall of wickets: 1/27; 2/34; 3/77; 4/77; 5/106; 6/122; 7/127; 8/138; 9/145.

Bowling

Tyson 18.4 1 05 0
Statham 19 0 45 3
Bailey 0 0 21 0
Appleyard 0 1 12 1
Wardle 2 2 11 0

—Reuter.

Three R.A.F. Jet Planes Crash

London, Dec. 21.
Three Royal Air Force jet planes crashed in different parts of Britain today, killing two pilots and seriously injuring a third who baled out.

One pilot parachuted over Rutley, near Ipswich, when his plane crashed into the sea.

He suffered multiple injuries.

—United Press.

Christmas Message To British Troops

London, Dec. 21.
Mr. Anthony Eden, the War Minister, in his Christmas message to British troops at home and overseas yesterday, said he hoped more of them would soon be home.

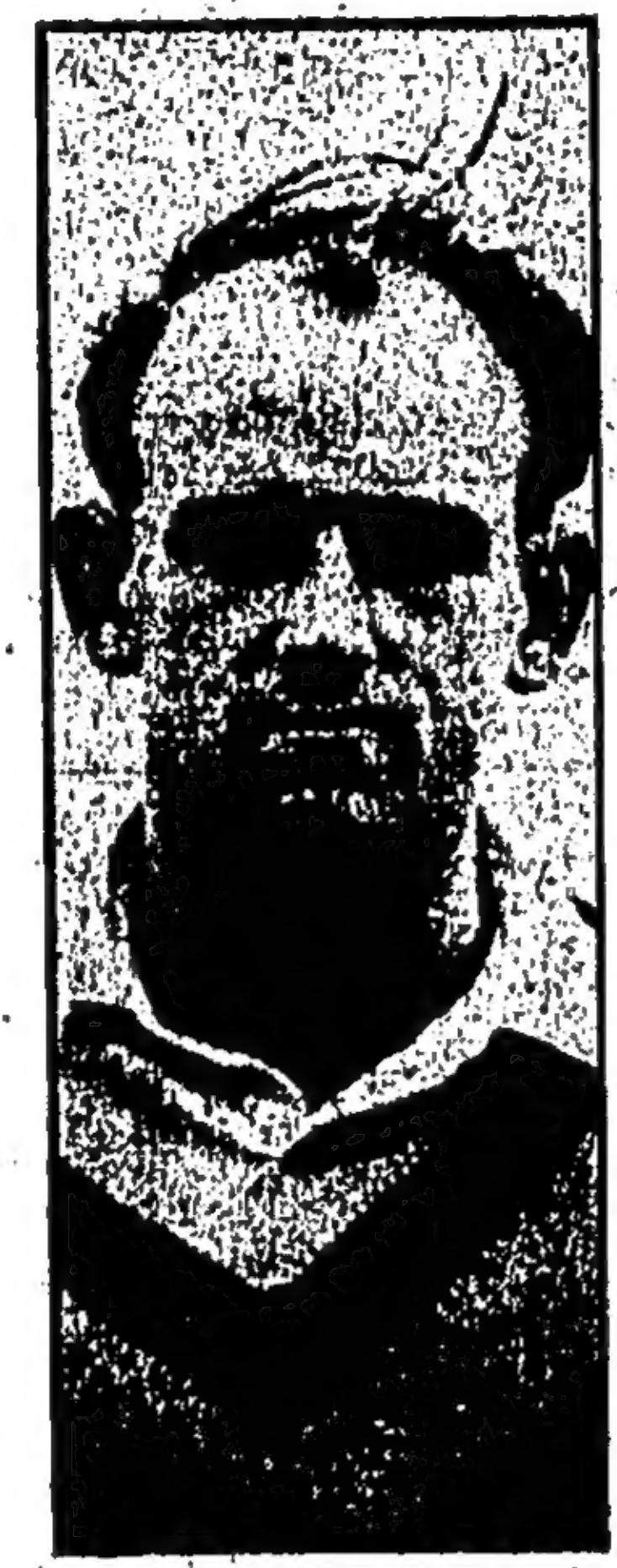
"We hope that redeployment in the Middle East, withdrawal of our garrisons in Taiwan and of our forces in Korea will bring greater stability to the East and a higher proportion of troops to their homes." —China Mail Special.

Strike Call To British Railwaymen

Four hundred thousand railwaymen—two-thirds of Britain's total rail labour force—were ordered last night to strike next month for higher wages.

The strike due to begin at midnight on January 9 would bring Britain's entire railway system to a standstill.

Industrial unions said last night they were in (a) the Government would not give a strike which would bring commerce to a standstill and (b) a strike which would bring commerce to a standstill.



England's hero, Frank Tyson who took six wickets for 85 runs.

Freak Winds Make 8 Trucks FLY!

Arrochar, Scotland, Dec. 21.
Eight trucks were lifted into the air by 100 m.p.h. winds tonight and tossed down a 15-foot grassy embankment on "West and Be Thankful" hill.

It was reported about 20 people were injured but the figures could not be confirmed.

First reports of the accident said about a dozen cars and trucks were blown off a 300-foot precipice but it was later learned the "precipice" was a 15-foot high grassy slope and the road the trucks were travelling along was 300 feet above sea level.

Foot Amputated
Police said the eight trucks were believed to be a convoy of long distance vehicles. They had to line up while an obstacle in the road was being cleared away.

One man was believed injured seriously and it was reported his foot was amputated. Police said "several" others were injured slightly. — United Press.

NO WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM EUROPE—DULLES

Washington, Dec. 21.
The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles said today despite cuts to American forces in the Far East, there would be no withdrawal of troops from Europe.

He also said America's present military policies would gradually involve the use of atomic weapons as conventional weapons for tactical purposes.

There was however a great deal of difference between the "tactical" and the "strategic" use of weapons.

(The word tactical is generally applied to the use of weapons on the battlefield itself and "strategic" to their use in overall campaign policy.)

STRATEGIC BOMBING
He declined to tell a Press conference whether strategic bombing would be launched only in retaliation for this type of bombing on the Allies.

In an obvious reference to the question of who should decide the use of atomic weapons, he said that in the United States as in the other NATO countries it was the "civil authorities of government and not the military who made the grave decisions."

He said that nothing had happened at last week's NATO Council meeting in Paris to interfere with the normal operation of this process.

Mr. Dulles also told a questioner that there was no contradiction between the cuts in the night—which involve the withdrawal of a division from Japan and United States policy of defending the area against aggression.

OTHER WAYS
He said the decision to cut the forces was made not because they considered the Soviet danger had diminished, but merely because there were other ways of meeting that danger.

Mr. Dulles said that despite the manpower cuts, the United States had no intention of withdrawing any forces from Western Europe.

Replying to a question, he added it would be unfortunate if the Western European nations themselves decided to follow the example of the United States and cut their forces.

Channel Steamer Still Stranded

Calais, Dec. 21.
Attempts to bring in the stranded French cross-channel steamer "Cote d'Azur" to the harbour here on tonight's slack tide have had to be abandoned.

The 21 holiday-makers and crew aboard the steamer will have to wait until tomorrow morning before any arrangements can be made to bring them into harbour.

The "Cote d'Azur", which was bringing passengers from Britain, was caught in the Calais harbour last night and has since anchored a mile out to sea.

The steamer is in no immediate danger, although winds are high and the sea rough. — France-Press.

Yesterday The China Mail published a prediction by Dr. Charles Laughhead that not only would the end of the world come next year but "a last minute check with informants in outer space" had confirmed that tidal waves and earthquakes would engulf Chicago and the Middle West yesterday. The upheavals may extend to the East and West coast, he said. The Chicago Weather Bureau laughed at this crank forecast but yesterday THE WORST EARTHQUAKE IN 25 YEARS STRUCK EUREKA IN CALIFORNIA! Now read all about it:—

BIG EARTHQUAKE ROCKS CALIFORNIA:

ONE DEAD, 25 INJURED

Eureka, California, Dec. 21.

A powerful, heaving earthquake struck this quiet coastal city like a bomb shortly before noon today, killing one person, injuring at least 25 others and causing widespread damage to buildings.

The blast-like shock struck without warning just before mid-day toppling chimneys into the streets, cutting off power and communications and starting at least eight fires in homes and commercial buildings.

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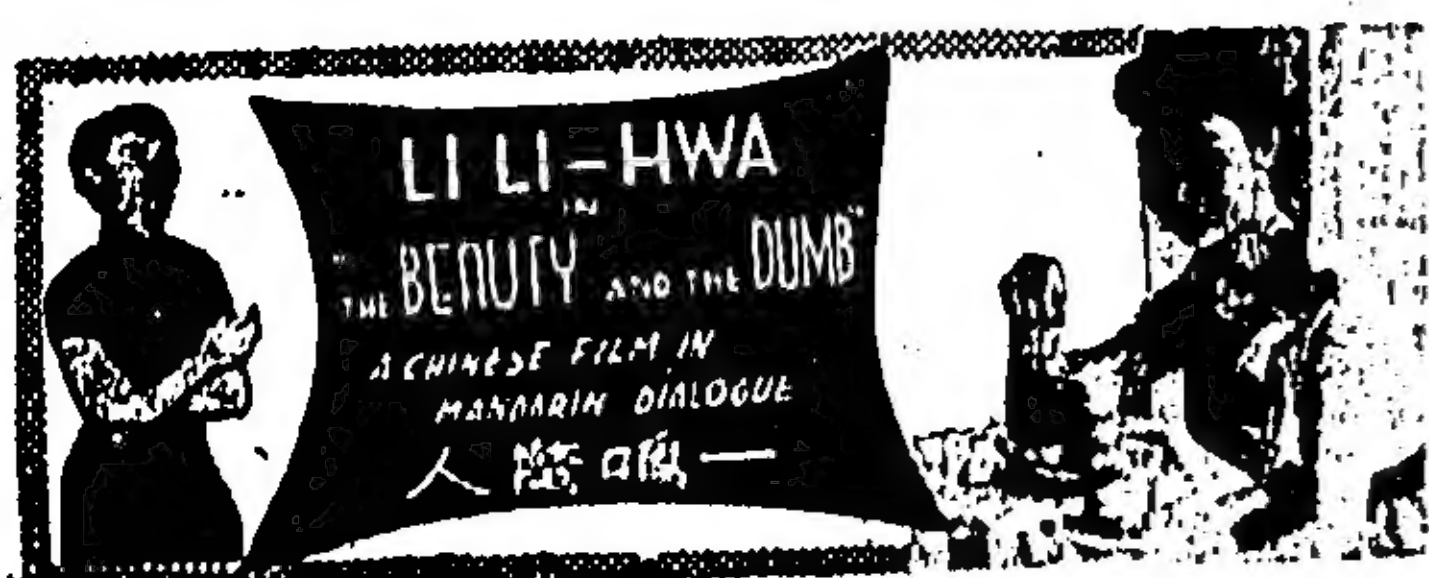


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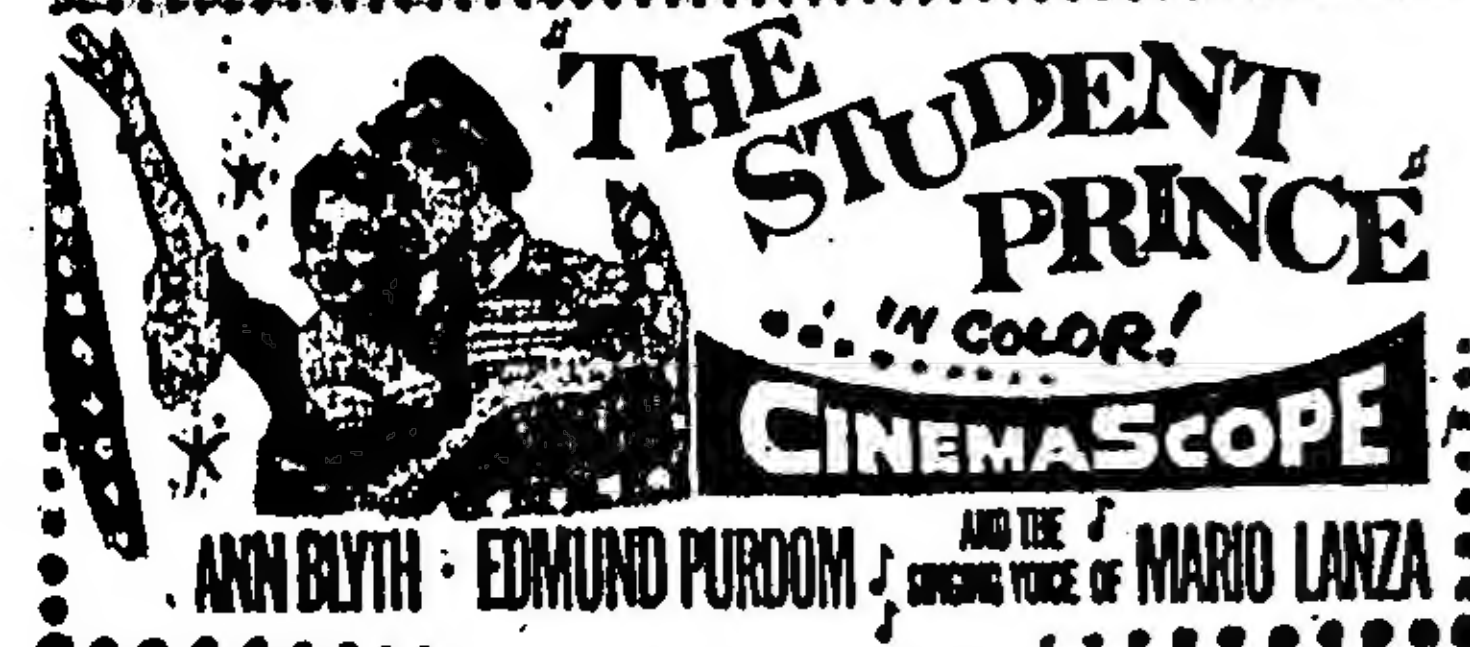
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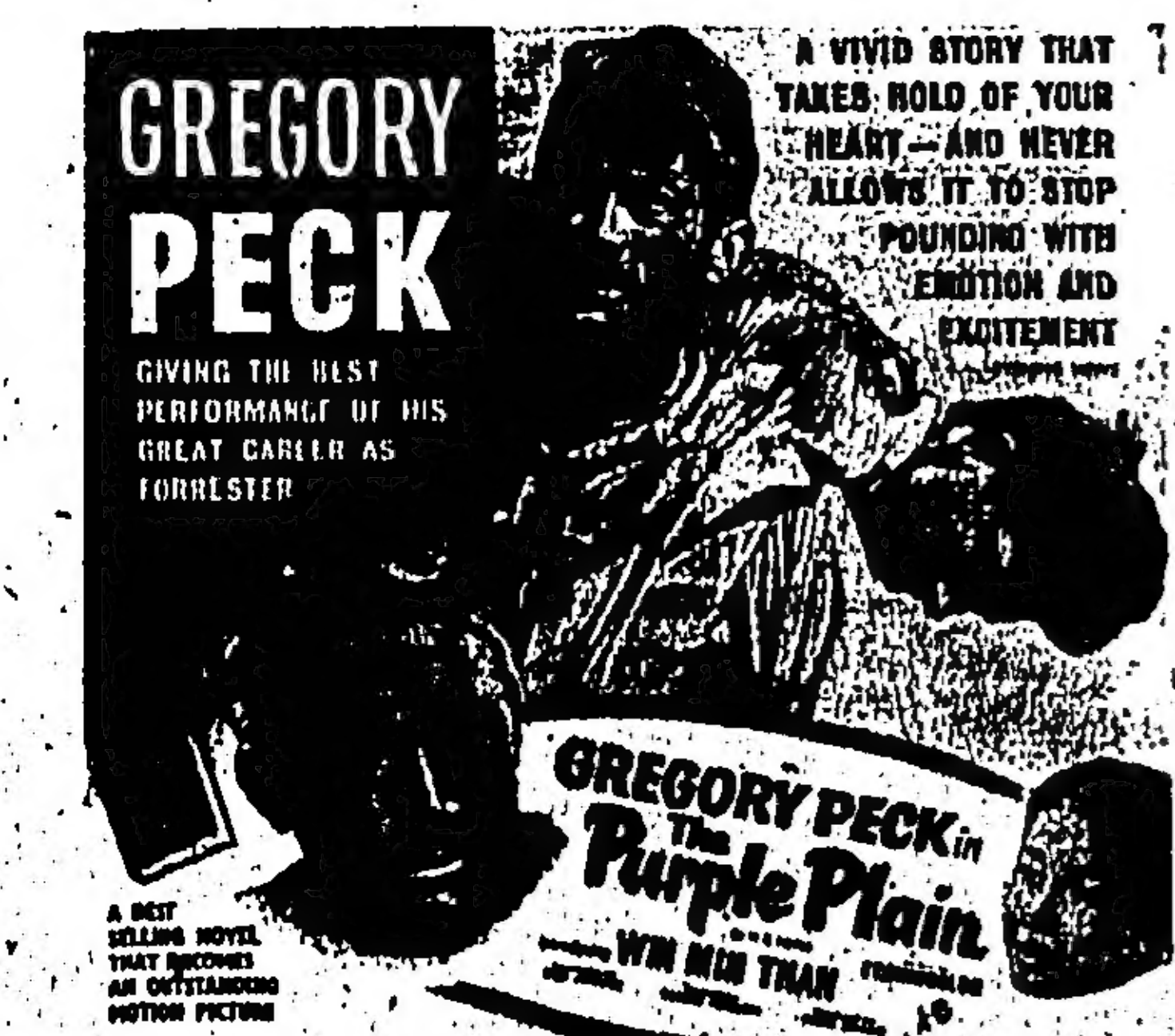
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COURT OF CHIVALRY

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In 217 Years
MANCHESTER ACTION
AGAINST THEATRE

London, Dec. 21.

The doors of the Lord Chief Justice's court-room on busy Fleet Street swung shut today and blotted out six centuries of history.

Outside, impatient car drivers tooted horns in the daily traffic jam, crowds hurried to and from offices arms laden with Christmas packages, a jet plane screamed across the sky.

But behind the door time receded and it was Old England again, England of the days of chivalry when knighthood was in flower and her armoured heroes carried their coats and arms bravely through life and gallantry into death.

For the first time in 217 years—since 1737—the Court of Chivalry met to decide whether a coat of arms had been misused.

CONVENED IN 1300

The Court was first convened in 1300 to keep knights from hacking each other mortally in disputes over the precious insignia which identified them in war and in peace.

But though the Court met today with all of the ancient ritual and pageantry, the case itself was a bit of a 20th century let-down.

Noble warriors did not glare at each other, itching to lay broadsword across the throat of a rival or at the least challenge him to a tilt at the lances.

The jousts today were, alas, only the Manchester Palace of Varieties, which is a vaudeville theatre, and the City of Manchester, which claimed mildly that the Theatre was using its coat of arms on its curtain without authority.

Lawyers from both sides even took great pains to make clear it was a friendly action—and the bones of the knight who fought on this very spot when it was the jousting arena of Lincoln's Inn must have stirred uneasily.

But unglamorous as was the case there only one Court in Britain which can try disputes about coats of arms and out of the past it was re-created today, a brief blur of colour, a stately moment of courtesy in the rush and frenzy of pre-Christmas London in 1954.

COURT SUMMONED

The Court was summoned into session by the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal of England.

One moment it was an ordinary court-room, then the doors were shut and the Crier of the Court slowly came towards the dais leading a procession ablaze in gold and crimson.

Behind him came the pursuivants and heralds of the College of Arms in scarlet tunics and dark blue gold braided trousers. Then the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard and after him the Duke of Norfolk in a cocked hat with white plumes, a scarlet tunic with the Blue Sash of the order of the Garter across his chest.

The three Kings-at-Arms who are the Queen's Chief Officers of Chivalry, took up stations on the dais.

The Duke of Norfolk bowed to them and they returned his bow.

Then Richmond Herald read a document signed by King Charles II in 1672, which gave the Duke of Norfolk the right to call such courts.

DUKE SPEAKS

It referred to a previous document of "our most dear grandfather James, sometime King of England of blessed memory" and added that while right was assigned to the Duke of Norfolk and "his heirs male of his body."

Whereupon the Duke of Norfolk spoke this oath: "I, Bernard, Duke of Norfolk, do solemnly declare I will do right to all manner of people according to the law and usages of arms without fear or favour, affection or ill-will."

This was the oath sworn by the Dukes of Norfolk when

they had their own private prison and the right to put people into it.

Lord Goddard pointed out that private prisons no longer existed and the lawyers for Manchester said that they would be satisfied with a £100 fine.

They claimed that the vaudeville theatre had displayed the coat of arms before "many worthy persons."

"Who are the worthy persons?" inquired the Chief Justice. "Is that the audience?"

The lawyer said it was, in the usual manner of pleading before Courts of Chivalry.

There was much reading from archaic documents and parchments.

The learned pursuivants and heralds and Kings-at-Arms said that although the years have passed in their hundreds a coat-of-arms is still a sacred trust.

So the Lord Chief Justice ruled that the City of Manchester had won its case against the use of its coat-of-arms even though the theatre's attorney argued precedents going back to King Richard II who was murdered in 1400.

TO PAY COSTS

Under the decision, the theatre will merely have to pay the costs of the action, and stop using the coat-of-arms until it receives formal permission.

With this decided the officials put overcoats over their gorgeous robes and got into limousines and rode away into the light winter mist. Not a single prancing charger. It was quite a let-down.—United Press.

'I'm Fed Up'
Says Ex-Queen
Narriman

Lausanne, Dec. 21.

Former Queen Narriman of Egypt said today that she is "fed up" with stories circulating about her divorce.

Commenting on a Cairo report that she was now seeking a reconciliation with her doctor husband Nassef, she told the United Press that "there never was any question of me modifying my standpoint in connection with the divorce I requested."

"I prefer to ignore all these reports and will stay in Lausanne as long as I like and as long as it is necessary for my health," she added.

The former first lady of Egypt is staying at a luxury Lausanne hotel recovering from what has been described as "a very delicate operation."

The operation took place at the Montchoisi Clinic in Lausanne two months ago and was performed by Professor Roderphe Rochat.

Asked if it was true that she had applied for a resident's permit to stay in Switzerland, ex-Queen Narriman said, "I do not need such a permit as the Egyptian Government has issued me a diplomatic passport before I left Egypt for Switzerland."—United Press.



Weapons picked up by French troops in the course of their operations against the Fellagah bandits in Tunisia. In five days, over one thousand weapons were handed over by the bandits to the French Military Authorities. — France-Press Photo.

Rita May Go Back To Work

New York, Dec. 21.

Actress Rita Hayworth and Columbia Pictures are close to an agreement which would pay the red-haired star \$1,000,000 in settlement of past financial arrangements and set the stage for her return to motion picture work, it was reported today.

Attorneys for Miss Hayworth and a spokesman for the picture company agreed that intensive negotiations had been going on here, and there was an indication that a settlement would be reached before the end of the year.

Mr. Harry Cohn, Columbia President, returned to California yesterday after talking part in negotiations here.

Miss Hayworth and her husband, singer Dick Haymes, are at their Nevada home, or Lake Tahoe, and it was understood here that the attorney, Mr. Bartley Crum, would fly there when a settlement is reached.

The \$1,000,000 settlement would bring to an end a suit brought by Miss Hayworth against the film company for an accounting of funds in the Beckworth Corporation, a producing group in which she held 49 per cent interest.

There were reports that Miss Hayworth would return to work on a straight \$150,000 to \$200,000 per film salary—in "Joseph and His Brethren," which is scheduled to go into production soon.

Reports said also that the settlement included provision for Mr. Haymes' employment by Columbia, but this was not confirmed.—United Press.

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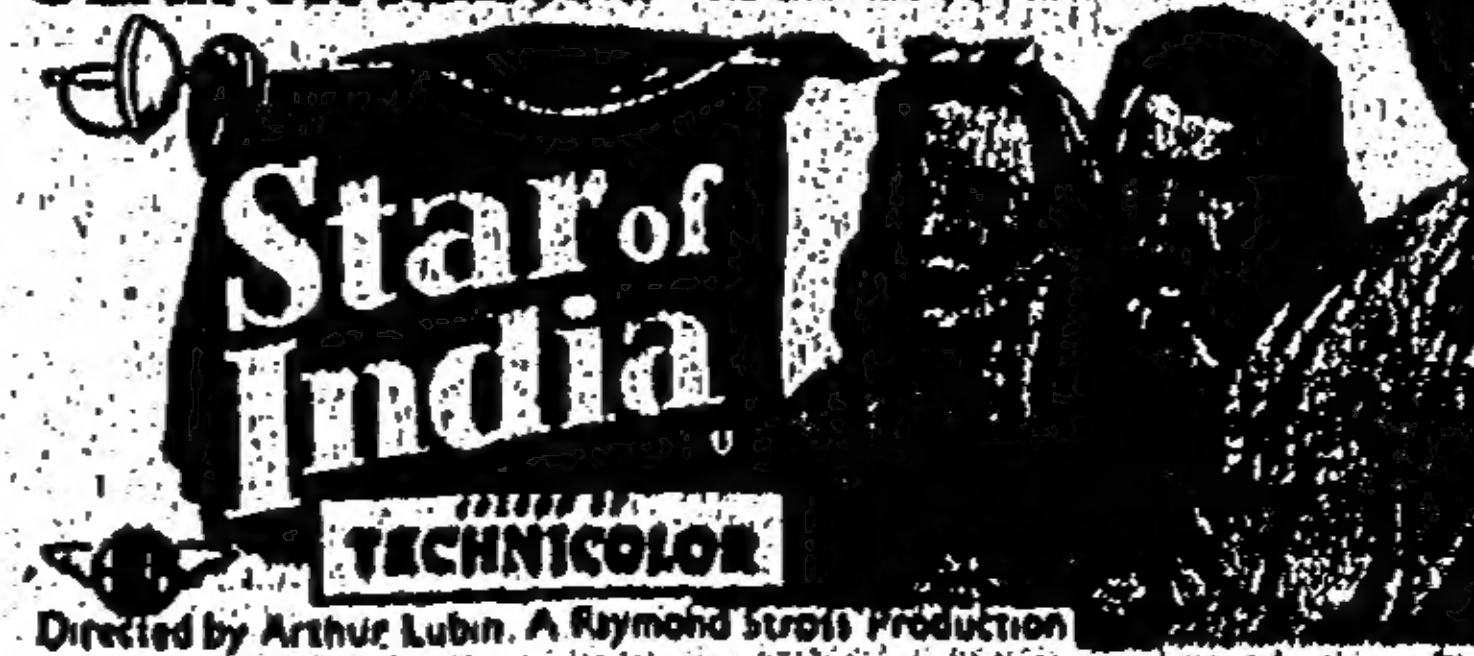
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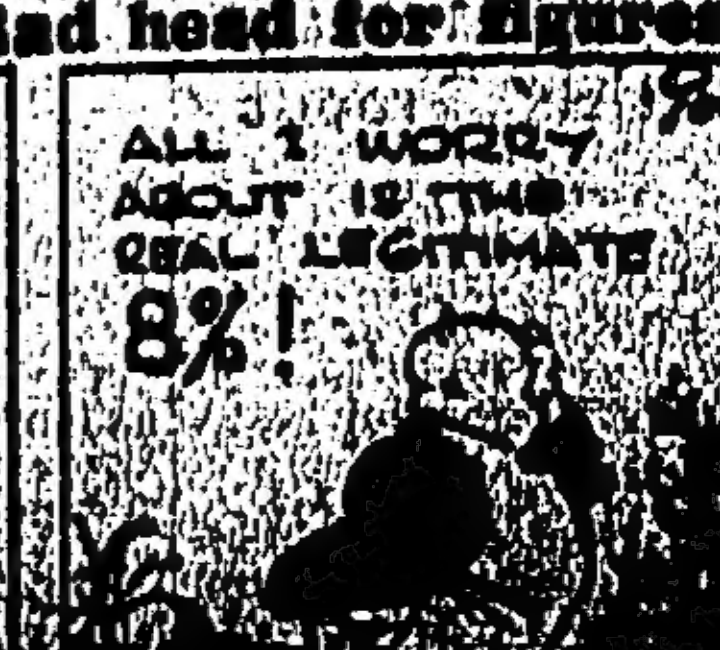
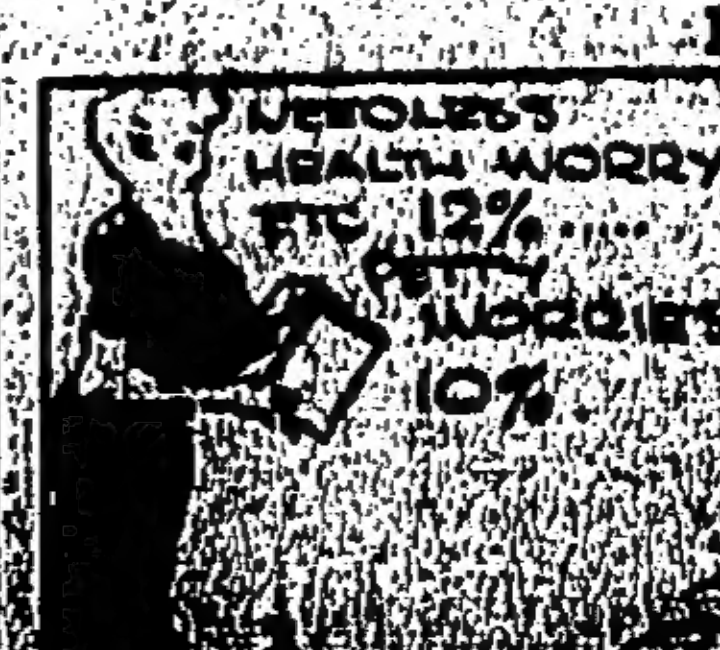
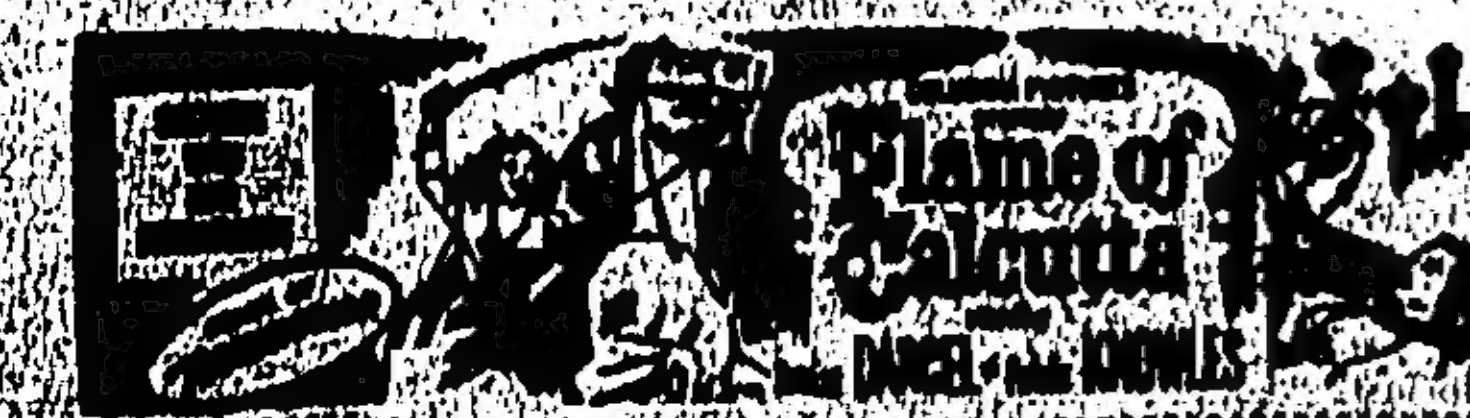
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NEXT CHANGE: "KING RICHARD AND THE CRUSADERS"



TUNISIANS WORRIED

Princess
Runs Home

Mr France's Government May Fall Before Agreement Concluded

Tunis, Dec. 21.
Premier Tahar Ben Ammar returned from Paris to face mounting fears that the French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, will fall soon, taking the half-completed Franco-Tunisian home-rule agreement with him, reliable sources said today.

Premier Ben Ammar returned last night from a series of talks with the French Minister for Tunisian Affairs, M. Christian Fouchet, and said that the Franco-Tunisian negotiations were following "their normal course."

But the Premier might have trouble persuading his fellow-Tunisians that prospects were still rosy for the long-sought agreement on home-rule, these sources said.

GRAVELY DISTURBED

Tunisian leaders are reported gravely disturbed over increasing signs from Paris that M. Mendes-France's days as Premier are numbered.

They feared his fall would wipe out French recognition of Tunisian nationalism and again set off the campaign of murder, gun battles, and arson which had blazed through the protectorate in the wake of nationalist demands.

Tunisians also recalled that more than 2,700 terrorists who recently laid down their arms under a joint Franco-Tunisian amnesty said they were persuaded to surrender because of their confidence in M. Mendes-France's word.

If the Premier were forced out of office, Tunisians fear the fellagha "National Army of Liberation" would again take to the hills to wage a war of terror against French settlers and pro-French natives.

Fears for the home-rule agreement also were increased by the visit to Cairo of Salah Ben Youssef, Secretary-General of the powerful "Neo-Destour" nationalist party.

DISHEARTENED

He was reported to have told Egyptian National Guidance Minister General Salah Salem that he was disheartened by the difficulties of negotiating a final autonomy agreement with the French.

The French Resident-General here, General Pierre Boyer de la Tour, talked in Paris today with the Tunisian Affairs Minister, M. Fouchet, and was to return to Tunis tomorrow.

In New York Ahmed ben Salah, secretary of the Tunisian Federation of Labour, said at a Press luncheon today that there seemed to be a change of tone in Franco-Tunisian negotiations on autonomy since Premier Pierre Mendes-France's statement of last July 31 and therefore Tunisian trade unions advocated slow and careful consideration of all proposals.

WITH JUNE

"Mendes-France's ascension to the premiership was received with enthusiasm in Tunisia, but his policy seems to be one of balances," said ben Salah.

"He comes to Tunisia with welcome suggestions but is accompanied by Marshal Juin, he makes his statement of July 31 proposing greater autonomy and since then 40,000 additional French troops are sent to Tunisia; his negotiations for autonomy are done by such a conservative as his Minister for Morocco and Tunisia, M. Fouchet, a de Gaulist."

Ben Salah said his union sought progressive mechanization of Tunisia, a training programme for new industrial workers, full employment and a general economic expansion of the country. He said Tunisia had a total possible work force of 800,000, about half of whom are unemployed, and that about 25 per cent of the employed workers were trade union members.

The Tunisian Federation of Labour is pro-Nationalist and strongly anti-Communist, he said.

"We are firmly democratic," he said, "Existence of a democratic trade union makes impossible any adventurism of Communists or nationalistic fanatics. We intend to build political freedom, but we must build slowly. There must be no half-solutions. We must open to such chances for opportunism by the Communists."

C.I.O. CONVENTION

Ben Salah has been in America to attend the Congress of Industrial Organizations (C.I.O.) convention and to discuss Tunisian problems with American labour leaders. His host at today's lunch was the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Jay Krane, ICFU representative in Brussels, also spoke briefly, explaining that the ICFU supports free nationalist movements and the objective now is Morocco.—United Press.



Since her mother's death, and her eldest sister, Ragnhild's marriage to a commoner, 22-year-old Princess Astrid has taken over the social reins at Skarum, the Crown Prince, her father's white house on the outskirts of Oslo. A charming fair-haired young lady, she is idolized by the Norwegians, and the world still watches and waits for news of romance. —Express Photo.

Deputies Trade Insults

Rome, Dec. 21.
Left and Right Wing Deputies traded insults in a loud uproar today as the Chamber of Deputies debated ratification of the Paris accords on German rearmament.

The flurry of insults was quickly quelled by the Chamber president, Giovanni Gronchi, a Christian Democrat. The uproar was not directly related to the accords.

The Minister of Labour and Social Security, Elio Vigeorelli of the Social Democratic Party, touched it off when he announced at the start of the afternoon session that he would prefer charges against the Communist newspaper *Unita* and the Left Wing Socialist journal *Avanti!*—United Press.

Fewer Donkeys In Germany

Bonn, Dec. 21.
The number of donkeys in West Germany has declined from 5,700 in 1947 to about 3,000.

The German armed forces imported large numbers of donkeys for mountain troops during the World War II. Those that survived are not being replaced.—Reuter.

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SON TOO HEAVY TO LIFT

Pembroke, Ontario, Dec. 21.

The police said today that an 18-year-old youth who weighed 220 pounds died of exposure in his sleep because he was so heavy his parents could not carry him into their home.

An inquest has been ordered into the death of Alvin Cox, who died on the floor of an unheated garage only 20 feet from his parents' door. An autopsy showed he died of exposure.

His father, Sidney Cox, said the youth had been drinking heavily on Saturday night and fell asleep in the garage in sub-zero weather. He told the police he tried several times to lift or drag his son into the house before covering him with a blanket and leaving him there for the night.—United Press.

DOCTOR GUILTY OF BEATING WIFE TO DEATH

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 21.

America's "Doctor Sam" murder trial ended tonight with a life sentence for Dr Samuel Sheppard after the longest jury deliberations in living memory — 102 hours.

The seven men and five women finally came to the conclusion that the 31-year-old osteopath beat his pregnant wife Marilyn, aged 31, to death last July.

The defence lawyer, Mr William Corrigan, immediately asked for a new trial.

Judge Edward Blythin fixed a hearing on this plea for December 30.

NINE WEEKS

The present trial had lasted nine weeks and the jury had been considering their verdict for five days. Dr Sheppard advanced to the bench before the sentence and told the court "in a low even voice: 'I would like to say, Sir, that I am not guilty and feel there have been facts presented before this court that have definitely proven that I couldn't have performed this crime.'"

The jury, which could have sent him to the electric chair, convicted him of manslaughter or set him free, finally convicted him of second degree murder. The judge warned against any demonstration in the crowded little court room before announcing the verdict.

He sentenced Dr Sheppard to life imprisonment and the doctor was taken upstairs to his cell.

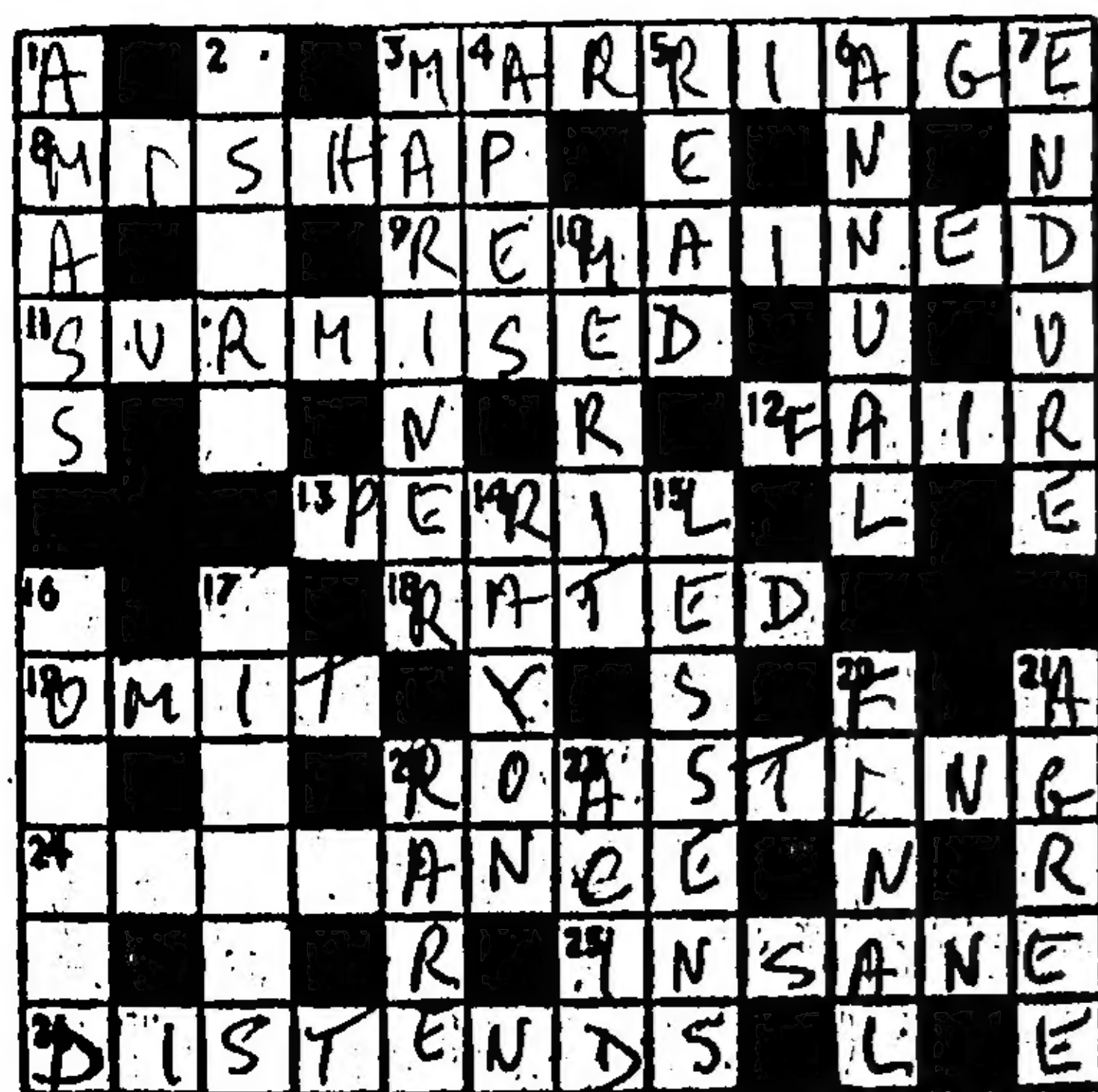
AN INTRUDER

Dr Sheppard repeatedly claimed that a "bushy haired" intruder committed the murder. He said that in grappling with the man he was twice knocked unconscious.

The prosecution alleged that he murdered his wife out of love, of a nurse.

The conviction carried the penalty of life imprisonment with the possibility of parole after ten years.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Wadlock (8).
- 8 Accident (6).
- 9 Stayed behind (6).
- 11 Guessed (8).
- 12 Just (4).
- 13 Danger (5).
- 18 Scolded (6).
- 19 Love out (4).
- 22 Cooking (8).
- 24 Confederacy (8).
- 25 Mad (6).
- 26 Swells (6).

DOWN

- 1 Accumulate (6).
- 2 Take without right (6).
- 3 Sailor (7).
- 4 Imitates (4).
- 5 Perize (6).
- 6 Yearly (6).
- 7 Last (6).
- 10 Worth (5).
- 14 Artificial silk (6).
- 18 Diminishes (7).
- 19 Dustard (6).
- 17 Plunders (6).
- 20 Concusive (6).
- 21 Concur (6).
- 23 Uncommon (4).
- 23 Sour (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across 1. Epicurean; 7. Odour; 8. Assembly; 10. Breast; 11. Slices; 12. Bait; 13. Elderly; 15. Rejoice; 20. Aids; 21. Scrupes; 22. Throat; 23. Twisted; 24. Lusty; 25. Restless; Down 1. Bomb; 2. Domes; 3. Crew; 4. Robber; 5. Shanty; 6. Street; 9. Hides; 14. Ashed; 16. Bore; 17. Gales; 18. Alien; 19. Rafter; 20. Lumber; 21. Wreck; 22. Lumber; 23. Gales; 24. Alien; 25. Rafter; 26. Lumber; 27. Wreck; 28. Lumber; 29. Gales; 30. Alien; 31. Rafter; 32. Lumber; 33. Wreck; 34. Lumber; 35. Gales; 36. Alien; 37. Rafter; 38. Lumber; 39. Wreck; 40. Lumber; 41. Gales; 42. Alien; 43. Rafter; 44. Lumber; 45. Wreck; 46. Lumber; 47. Gales; 48. Alien; 49. Rafter; 50. Lumber; 51. Wreck; 52. Lumber; 53. Gales; 54. Alien; 55. Rafter; 56. Lumber; 57. Wreck; 58. Lumber; 59. Gales; 60. Alien; 61. Rafter; 62. Lumber; 63. Wreck; 64. Lumber; 65. Gales; 66. Alien; 67. Rafter; 68. Lumber; 69. Wreck; 70. Lumber; 71. Gales; 72. Alien; 73. Rafter; 74. Lumber; 75. Wreck; 76. Lumber; 77. 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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Wait A Minute—
Figure This Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW do you play today's hand at a contract of four spades? Probably the most truthful answer is "Regrettably."

West opens the Jack of clubs, you play the queen from the dummy, and East wins with the king. East returns the eight of clubs, and you win in dummy with the ace. What do you do now to be saved? Apparently you must lose two clubs and two diamonds.

You still have a chance for the contract, and this chance was seized by Norman Bonney when he played the hand many years ago in a Boston rubber bridge game. Can you see how he made the contract?

After winning the second trick in dummy with the ace of clubs, Bonney led a heart to his ace and returned a low trump towards the dummy. West played low, and Bonney finessed dummy's eight.

This held the trick, of course, and West clutched his cards

NORTH 2	
♠ A8	
♥ QJ7	
♦ 108742	
♣ AQ6	
WEST EAST	
♠ 98	♠ 763
♥ K1093	♥ 6542
♦ KJ5	♦ Q9
♣ J1097	♣ K83
SOUTH (D)	
♠ KQJ1042	
♥ A	
♦ A63	
♣ 542	
North-South vulnerable	
South West North East	
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass	
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass	
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass	
Opening lead—♠ J	

lightly to his chest. There was no need for the clutch, for Bonney hadn't peeked. If the finesse hadn't worked he'd have been down two tricks instead of one, no great loss.

When the remarkable trump finesse actually worked, the contract was home. Bonney led the queen of hearts from dummy and pitched his last club on it, allowing West to win the trick with the king of hearts. This was just an exchange of tricks, giving the enemy a heart instead of a club.

West led a high club, and Bonney ruffed. Now he led a trump to dummy's ace and cashed the good jack of diamonds discarding a losing diamond from his hand. This trick was pure gain, of course, and South lost only one more trick, fulfilling his contract.

The point was that Bonney needed two entries to dummy in order to establish and then cash a heart trick. After the ace of clubs had been knocked out, possibly by a trump, Bonney could possibly provide two entries, and Bonney therefore took his desperate trump finesse as the only reasonable play for his contract.

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Spade 2 Clubs Pass Pass
Double Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades 8-2, Hearts 9-10-3-2, Diamonds K-8-7-3-2, Clubs 5-3. What do you do?

A—Bid two hearts. In responding to any takeout double you tend to favour a major suit over a slightly better minor suit. The chance for game is much better at a major than at a minor suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-2, Hearts 9-10-3-2, Diamonds K-8-7-3-2, Clubs 5-3. What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

By Beachcomber

A BOOKSELLER who complained that a notorious browser who came to his shop every day had read an H. G. Wells novel from cover to cover may think himself lucky.

There is a man who boasts that after many visits to a shop in the Charing Cross Road he has managed to finish "War and Peace," and that he intends to ask for "Anna Karenina" next. Ernest Flammarion, who started the famous French publishing firm 80 years ago in the galleries under the old Odeon in Paris, said, when he found that a browser had taken home a book without paying for it: "Doubtless his appetite for learning is too strong for his sense of delicacy."

Food notes

SINCE the ruling has now been given that the word cream means cream, inspectors will have to differentiate between reconstituted cream buns, processed cream buns, near-cream buns, hydrogenated cream buns, and blended cream buns. "Custard in tomato soup is not cream," said a spokesman yesterday. An official of the Intermediate Food Hygiene Advisory Board was reprimanded for putting his damp bowler down on a plate of health-crackers, and a lady operative in a grocery shop at High Boxley was cautioned for blowing the dust off a heap of cheese.

In a Mayfair bar

"LOVELY weather we're having," said Foulenough. The pretty girl frowned. "Who's we?" she drawled. "You and I," said the captain. "It's raining hard outside, but in here it's always fine. Finish up your drink and have another." "Finish up your own," snapped the girl, "and have another." "Thanks," said the captain, "but I prefer to pay for my womenfolk." The girl turned her head away. "I'm sure we've met somewhere," said Foulenough. "I thought you would be," replied the girl, getting off her stool to go. "Tell your mother my intentions are honourable," said the captain. The girl turned in the doorway and laughed. You must be Captain Foulenough," she said. "Then tell me your telephone number," said the captain. "It's in the book," she said, "under my name, oddly enough. Good-bye." She went out and got into her car. Foulenough ran to a taxi, held out his badge (a crumpled Ace of Hearts) to the driver, and said: "Detective Inspector Mockpudding of the Yard. Follow that car!"

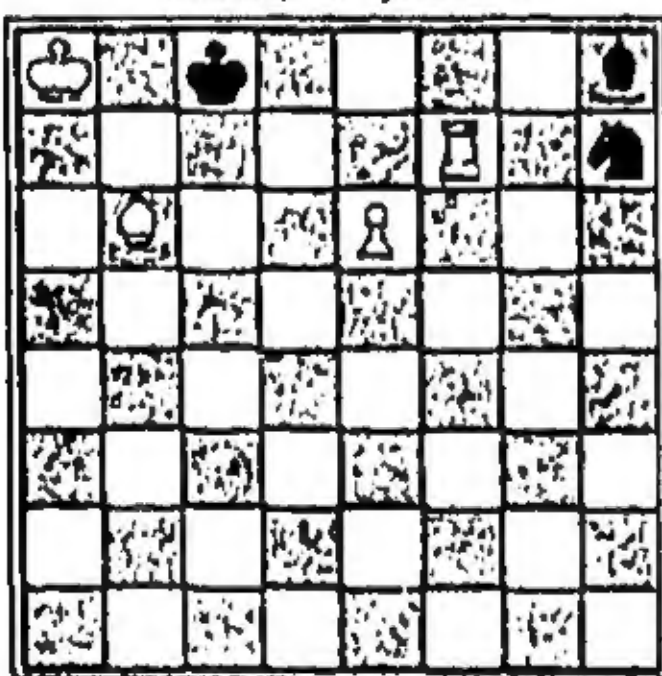
Fair comment on the news

A RETIRED railway porter who has made a model of Euston Station out of damson stones probably did it purposely. It was not the sort of thing one does involuntarily or in an absent-minded mood.

CHESS PROBLEM

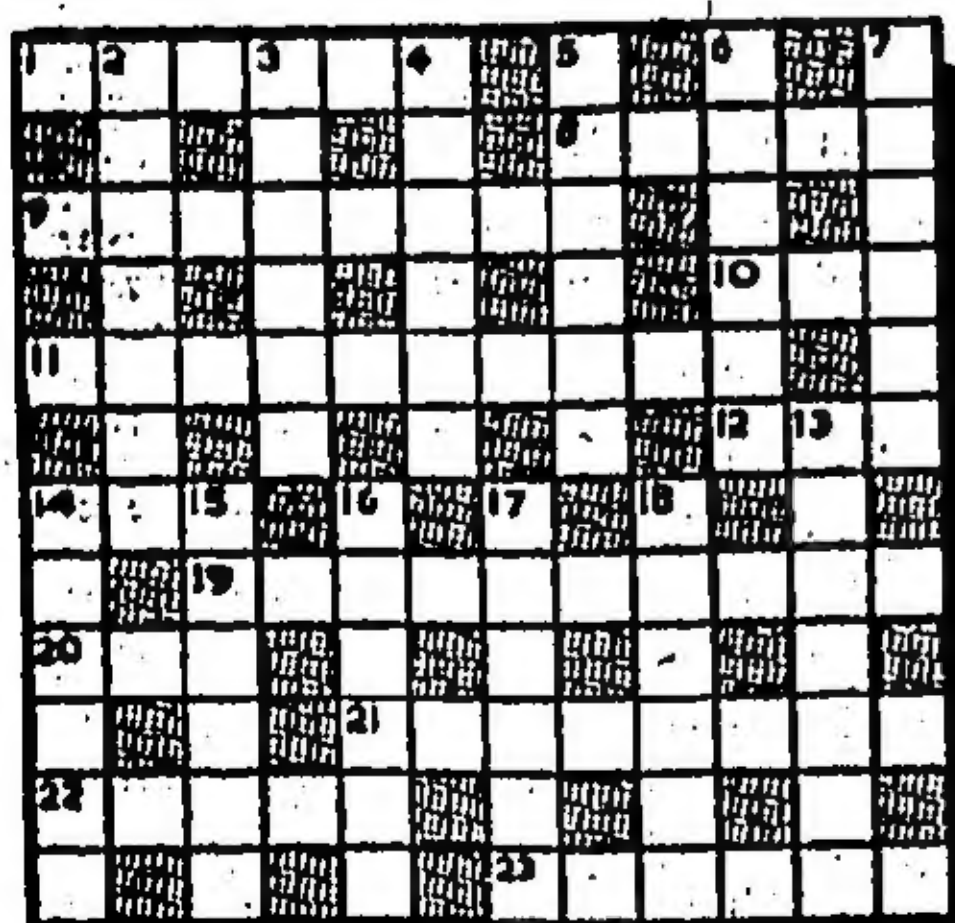
By H. HULTBERG

Black, 3 pieces.



White, 4 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, Q-B3, any; 2, Q, or Kt mates.

CROSSWORD



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Soccer On The Inside

(Edited By Sam Leitch)

Wolves left-back Joe Baillie stepped off the train at Wolverhampton Station the other night and was told: "You have been fined £100 by the Football League."

Scottman Baillie replied: "That is a shaker. I knew about the inquiry but nothing about a fine."

The former Celtic defender was the subject of a League inquiry when it was reported to them that during negotiations for his transfer Baillie asked an interested club for an additional payment in contravention of League rules.

The League said: "The Management Committee asked the player for an explanation and he admitted making such a request."

Wolves signed Baillie just over a month ago. Stan Cullis, the Wolves manager, said: "Wolves are not the club concerned."

Before signing for Wolves, Baillie travelled to Blackburn, whose manager, Johnny Carey, wished to sign him.

Desperate Derby would like West Ham's Tommy Southern, a talented outside-right who cannot make the League grade because of Harry Hooper.

But Derby have a rival, Aston Villa are interested.

HIS LAST SEASON

Reverend's return age of 47 means only one more season for one of the world's finest "whistlers" schoolmaster Morven Griffiths of Newport, Mon. Mr. Griffiths, World Cup official and the man in charge of the recent Wolves-Spartak match wants to stay in the game in a coaching capacity.

"I've had a good run as a referee and enjoyed every moment of it. I don't relish in the least giving it all up."

Crystal Palace manager Cyril Spiers has agreed to a transfer request from brilliant 21-year-old goalkeeper Ray Bailey, first-team regular until he was injured recently.

Bailey, fit again, asked for a move because he thinks he can hold down a job in the First or Second Divisions. Take note, West Bromwich and Fulham clubs who have shown previous interest in the Mitcham-born goalkeeper.

"But we are not giving Bailey away. We have two good keepers at the Palace and will listen to any reasonable offers for Bailey," says manager Spiers.

Despite that "no reasonable offer refused" label on burly Sunderland right-winger Tommy Wright there has not been a solitary offer.

Explosive Tommy, capped by Scotland but kept out of the League side by the consistently brilliant form of dapper Billy Bingham, the Irish ace, still persists in his "I want a move" request.

BROKEN-HEARTED

Emilio Berkessy, Hungarian soccer wizard, plumped his 18 stone into an easy chair, looked into the fire at his Cleethorpes hotel and said: "I am broken-hearted."

Why? Because he had just been told that the Ministry of Labour had refused his application for a work permit AND one from the Grimsby club.

Emilio, 17 times capped for Hungary, was recently appointed coach to Grimsby. The refusal of the Ministry means

"Maybe I will go back to Spanish football. Maybe I will take that offer with Malmö, the Swedish club. But I was so certain that England want me."

Goalkeeper-seeking Queen's Park Rangers will be interested to know that the latest "Spurs" transfer list at his own request is Ron Ward, overshadowed by Ron Reynolds and Ted Ditchburn.

Did you notice? Sunderland equaled an amazing Everton record recently. They provided all four home countries with players inside a week.

Everton International contingent in November 1953 was Terry Gillick to Scotland, Tommy Jones to Wales, Willie Clark and Alice Stevenson to Ireland, and Tommy Lawton and Joe Morter to England.

Exactly 16 years later Sunderland had Willie Fraser playing for Scotland, Billy Bingham for Ireland, Ray Daniel for Wales, and Len Shackleton for England all within seven days.

(London Express Service)

Don Cockell And Nino Valdez To Fight Marciano

Miami, Dec. 21.

Don Cockell (Balaia) and Nino Valdez (Cuba) are in line to fight Rocky Marciano (United States), the heavyweight boxing champion, for his title early next year.

This was stated last night by Marciano's manager, Al Weill, who said Marciano planned to defend his crown twice in 1955.

Cockell and Valdez would be candidates for the first fight which would be probably in March in Los Angeles, San Francisco or Las Vegas, Nevada. The second bout would be in September in New York.

Marciano won the title from fellow American Jersey Joe Walcott in September 1952 and has defended it four times.

Valdez is rated first and Cockell second contender for the title by the World Championships Committee.—Reuter.

OLSON IS NOT INTERESTED

San Francisco, Dec. 21.

Manager Sid Flaherty said today that Carl (Booby) Olson "would not be interested" in defending his crown for \$50,000 against Peter Mueller of Germany in a proposed bout in Milwaukee.

"Sure, I got a long telegram from a guy named Freddie Sommers offering us \$50,000 for the bout," said Flaherty.

"But we've had much better offers than that from well-known promoters.

"We would not be interested in this match under the present conditions."—United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Madison Men's "C" Div. Doubles: Police Reserve v St. John's St. Stephen's v Revere; CCC v Kowloon Tong.

Soccer Army Major and Minor Unit Challenge Cup First Round.

THURSDAY

Table Tennis Finals of European Table Tennis Championships at the Middlesbrough, commencing at 7 p.m.

Gear Down, Sit Down And Pedal—Don't Struggle With Your Cycle

Says "N'TACA"

Many years ago I was learning something of the Arts and Mysteries of Cycle Racing under the able tutelage of an old Italian ex-professional. He will remain in my memory for one exhortation which was constantly on his lips; his creed, which has since become my own.

"GEAR DOWN, SIT DOWN, and PEDAL."

Not for him were the "honking", riving and struggling with a cycle which seem to be the hall mark of so many of our modern young riders. The highest praise one could receive was his grudging admission that one rode "with grace". And, after all, what in sport can be more graceful than the smooth, straight-line riding of a well-positioned, sildly-peddalling cyclist?

All of which brings me somewhat circuitously to the point of my article this week. The body is one of the most flexible power-producers extant. It can exert near-maximum effort over a wide speed range, which in the cycling world means that a cyclist can push a single gear up hill or against the wind and pedal the same gear at speed on easier stretches, all without undue loss of average speed.

In spite of this, there does exist for each rider an optimum "Pedalling Speed, Energy-Output" Ratio, a balance of push and pedal which results in maximum efficiency.

A cyclist performs best when he maintains consistent pedalling speed and rhythm, and to enable him to vary his road speed according to conditions, while maintaining approximately even rate of pedalling, variable gear mechanisms have been produced which will provide him with up to 10 different gears in an almost unlimited range of ratios.

The modern rider can so equip his machine that he has at his command the precise gear to suit almost every imaginable set of conditions; he can now achieve his aim of maintaining his optimum speed of pedalling while his road speed varies according to the resistance to be overcome. Utopia is here, or at least one may so think.

A VERY ANTITHESIS

Then why, oh why, does one see so many of these well-equipped riders struggling against headwinds or up hills in the highest of their many available gears? Why does one see them out of the saddle, stamping furiously and unevenly on the pedals, wrenching madly at their handlebars, using muscles which have no part in the propulsion of a cycle and so burning up their precious energy in a very antithesis of the grace and economy of effort which should be the hallmark of the racing cyclist? I am sure that it is one way to remove the gear lever from the machine of the pedals, they would never notice it until cleaning day came around.

Let these criminals study photographs of the "Heads" and they will see how very few of them stand up to ride, except maybe in a sprint effort. And the "heads" should know, it is their livelihood. I am sure that every one of them would join myself and my venerable trainer in the fervent plea to "GEAR DOWN, SIT DOWN and PEDAL."

REAL NEWS

Midweek racing saw Hurford and his team in the NTACA Open 25 Miles Time Trial, but the real news of that event lies not in the performances of the known riders but rather in the showings by two newcomers to Colony sport.

Ron Beck, of the Pegasus CC shook a lot of people by turning in a fast 1-4-06 in his first open event, only 32 seconds slower than winner Hurford, while another threat to the established order was given by Bouché, 7 Huskies, whose 1-5-32 indicates he is rapidly regaining his UK form and will soon make his presence felt.

Beck further added to his lustre when he rode a magnificent time in the Rattak Exiles' 30 Miles Massed Start race on Sunday, finishing well up with the leading bunch after a no-quarter struggle. His presence will give the Pegasus just the boost they need to get among the team awards.

Also, it has been agreed, unofficially, that once a man has played in a trial for one country he should not be "poached" by another.

These decisions became necessary in committee because a farcical situation arose when D. H. Keller came here with the Australian touring team of 1947-48, stayed here and played for Scotland.

England were nearly as ill-advised when they capped I. J. Eddling, a New Zealander who, having played South Africa with his R.A.P. service he was capped by Wales. He is now at sea.

The excuse then was that although Belling had been one of the touring party he had not actually played in an international match, but this was only splitting hairs.

GENT CASE

The most common dual qualification is one for both England and Wales, a man being born in one country and living in the other.

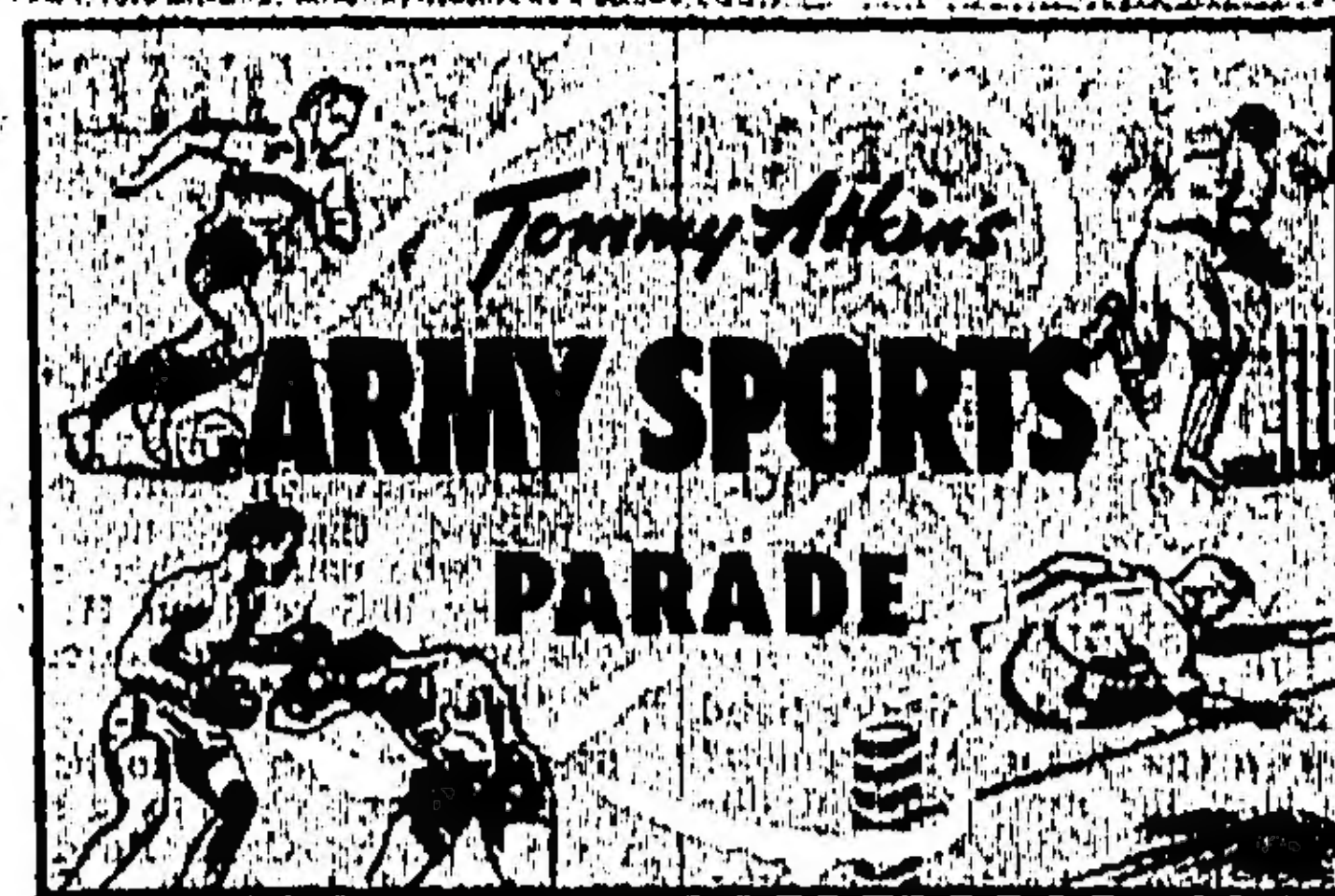
D. R. Gent was one who played in a Welsh trial and was then capped by England.

Among those who have played in trials for both countries without being capped by either, have been M. W. Lloyd-Owen and J. M. H. Roberts.

Gwyn Rowlands, who had a Welsh mother and an English father, took all his studies and played all his football in England and was nominated as reserve for an England trial. When he began playing for Cardiff during his R.A.P. service he was capped by Wales. He is now at sea.

The country to keep most faithfully to a genuine qualification has been Ireland.

(London Express Service).



The top spot in the Sports Parade this week is worthily filled by the enterprising and energetic officials of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Boxing Team for the excellence of their arrangements at the MacPherson Stadium last Saturday evening.

This was in almost every way a first rate show, and the slick presentation was a big improvement on the previous promotion at the same venue. There was plenty of good fighting in the ring and the near capacity crowd that attended was just recompense for all the thought and hard work that the organisers had put into the arrangements.

Sgt. Weaver gets a special mention for his fine rubber victory over grand little fighting alman LAC Monaghan. Weaver had a hard and punishing bout a few days earlier and he entered the ring still bearing the scars of his previous battle.

Monaghan, a persistent punisher, soon had blood steaming down the plucky Sergeant's face. It came from a wound high on his forehead but it never interfered with Weaver's obvious intention to carry the fight to the Alrman and in the end he was a clear winner on points.

A bout which provided a test for the students of the game was that between Ctn. Travers (REME) and Cpl. Shannon (King's). Travers LOOKED the more accomplished fighter and did a lot of attacking, but many of his round arm blows did not land correctly on the target although they may, of course, have hurt Shannon.

Shannon, on the other hand, kept sticking out his southpaw right lead and although it was not a hard blow, it kept collecting points and to my mind there was absolutely no doubt that the verdict in favour of Shannon was a correct one.

Craftsman Mullen showed once again that he is a first class boxer with a strong and accurate punch, although, on this occasion he appeared several times to forsake the advantage once he had his man in trouble.

Special credit must go to his opponent, Cpl. Delaney, for his good showing against such an established boxer. Delaney was officially classed as a novice until a few days ago.

A DISAPPOINTMENT The eagerly anticipated bout between Kingman Kelly and Henry Wong was in some ways a disappointment. As the contest went there is not the shadow of a doubt that Wong won decisively, but somehow one felt that Kelly contributed a lot to his own downfall by fighting on the retreat from start to finish.

He has a powerful punch and in the second half of the fight he might well have gone over to the attack.

Henry Wong is too cagey and too experienced a boxer to be foxed into errors in attack and his methods against a retreatant Kelly were well conceived and, as the verdict showed, profitable.

There is nothing to compare with 'big-fight' atmosphere and the organisers on this occasion came very close to achieving it. The presence of a band contributed much to the entertainment and if there can be any criticism it is once again connected with the announcements from the ring.

At the last promotion there was no amplification worth mentioning; on this occasion the MC's announcements were amplified into distortion and in many parts of the hall it was quite impossible to understand what was being said, but, that apart, it was a grand show.

DISCOUNTED FORM Army soccer fans were greatly disappointed by the heavy beating the side received on Sunday from KMB, but the disappointment was tempered (sensibly) by an appreciation of the fact that the winners had played some first class football and had worthily collected two valuable League points.

When the selectors of the 'England' and 'Scotland' teams for the Colony's international competition, on December 27 met in separate meetings they discounted the form in the

K.M.B. game and selected many Army players for their sides.

Lewis, Wallace, Hayes, Hewitt, Stonehouse and Wimsley are in the England side with Walters, Middleton and Morris in reserve, while Higgins and Leane have been selected for the Scotland team.

Other Army players who do not play normally in the representative side have also been nominated for places in the Scotland side. They are Beveridge (7th Hussars), who will be in goal and Tanton of 14th Fd Regt. RA, who will play on the left wing. McIntosh of 32 Med. Regt. RA and Cnr. Hogan of 27 (Strangers) Lt. Bty. RA have been nominated among the reserves.

The Army was well represented in the Triangular Athletic Meeting at Boundary Street on Sunday and several outstanding performances were turned in by the military competitors.

This was a most enjoyable meeting and there is every indication that the Land Forces Championships are going to be fiercely contested and that the Army is going to be able to pick a strong team of representatives for the Colony Championships.

FIRM FAVOURITES

The Army rugby officials have every reason to feel satisfied with the progress made by the representative side in the Fontainebleau Tournament. With the competition now at the half way stage the Army are in a very strong position at the head of the table with maximum points from four games and they are now firm favourites to win the title again.

It is always dangerous to assume anything in sport, but it would seem that only a major reversal of form could prevent the honours coming to the Army.

The present high position of the side is a most deserved one for they have played consistently well and have always been just that little bit better than their opponents—particularly behind the scrums.

The team officials consider that the major teaching tool in the scrum have been over come and there is a general feeling that now the players are familiar with each other's moves they will produce even better scores and better results in the second half of the competition.

Service rugby followers will be interested to hear that a Combined Services team from Singapore and Malaya will be visiting Hongkong next February.

The tourists will play two games. The first one will be against Hongkong on Thursday, February 3, and Combined Services, Hongkong, will provide the opposition on Friday, February 4.

Both games will be played at the Hongkong Football Club Stadium in Happy Valley and there is a strong possibility that they will be played under floodlights.

According to information so far available in the Colony the visitors will be a strong combination and the games should be well worth watching. This visit is being sponsored by the Royal Air Force and they are to be congratulated on their enterprise.

NO PREDICTING

Odd of the current questions in Army rugby circles is "Who will succeed the 1st Bn. Welch Regiment as Champions?"

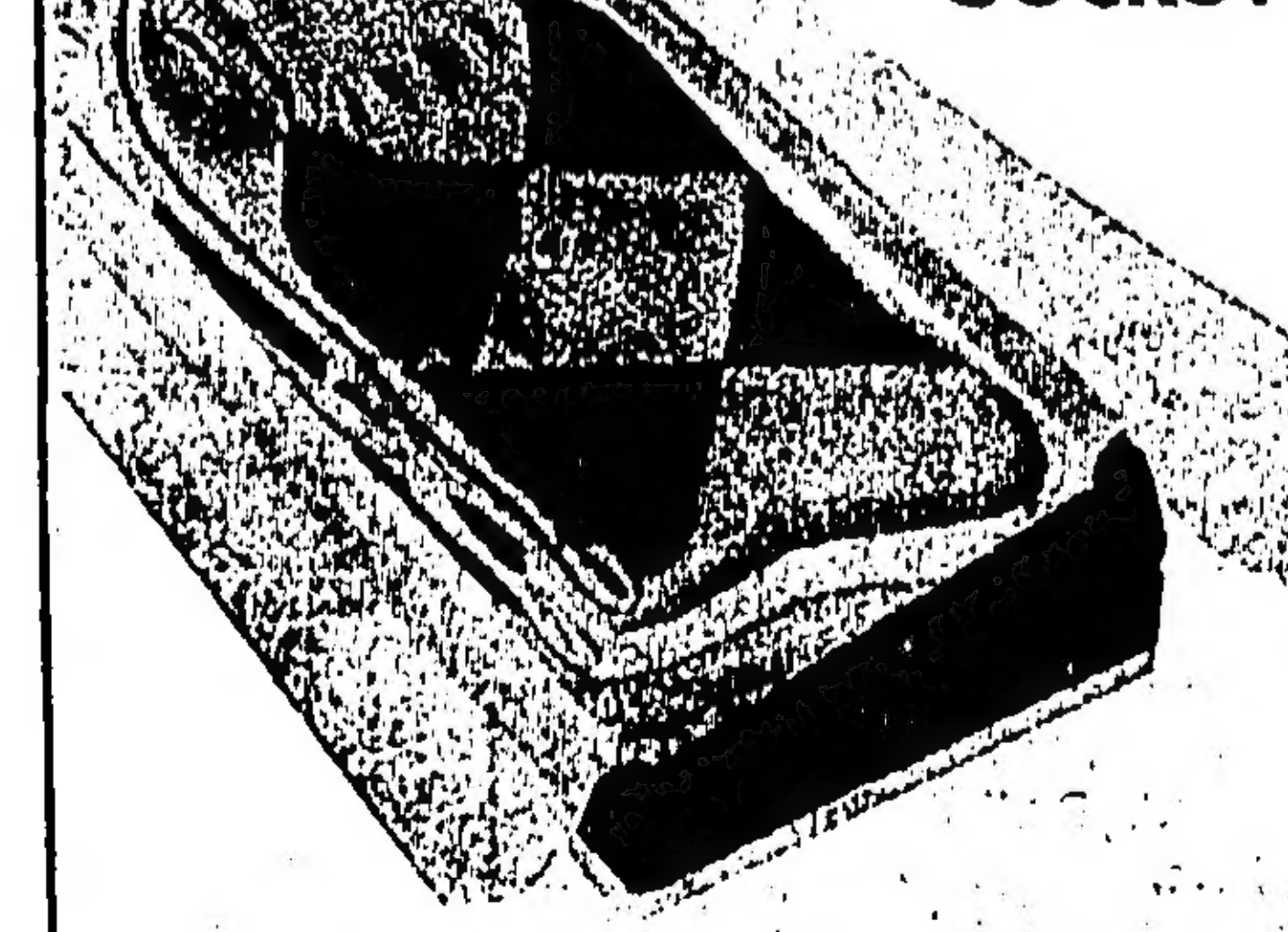
Speculations on this point is naturally tinged with a touch of unit rivalry, and that is hardly understandable. However, looking for the possible successors on a completely unbiased basis, and on the basis of performances this season, it is not easy to see an obvious answer to the query.

Many enthusiasts feel that this will be the Queens' year and that one of the very strong sides from the Royal Artillery will win through, and there are those who go as far as to predict that it will be 72 LAA Regt., who, with a tally of 25 points against 32 Medium Regt., are the top scorers in the Competition in date.

In spite of all this confidence I believe that there is a strong feeling "up North" that 1st Bn. King's Own Regt. will not be far away from the premier honour.

But fact one way or another, the Army will have its champions for the year.

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Jack Skinner Elected Honorary Member Of ASF & OC

Mr Jack Skinner was elected an Honorary Member of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hongkong at the Fifth Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room of The South China Morning Post yesterday.

The proposal by Mr A. de O. Sales, who occupied the chair, and seconded by Mr Ma Man-fai, was carried unanimously.

Present at the meeting were officials of the various sports associations in the Colony, and these included Messrs. W. Stoker (Boxing), L. G. Young (Football), O. R. Sadick (Table Tennis), W. B. Brown and Ramon Young (Badminton), Ho Ka Lau (Tennis), Arthur Ozorio (Softball), Hal Wing Lee and Ed de Rosa (Swimming), M. B. Hassan (Lawn Bowls), Z. Miral and P. Williams (Fencing) and A. L. Nery (Hockey).

The Chairman, dealing with the activities of the past year, stated that it had been a year of much hard work on the part of the ASF & OC. The Federation were at work throughout preparing for the Colony's participation in the Asian Games and subsequently in the Empire Games in Vancouver.

From now on, however, the period would be a fairly slack and uneventful one, but it was necessary, he pointed out, that the various sports associations affiliated with the Federation should start preparations for the Olympic Games at Melbourne at the end of 1956. The sooner a start was made, the better.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Regarding the Olympic Games participation, Mr Sales stated that the decision to enter was not made by the Federation. He emphasised that each sports association interested had to decide for themselves.

Three important factors had to be taken into consideration by the associations concerned and these were (1) The particular association's decision to participate, (2) Consideration of whether the standards in that particular sport were sufficiently good to merit participation, and (3) the making of all necessary arrangements to finance the sending of competitors.

The ASF & OC as the parent body, would provide all the necessary advice and help asked for, and once it became apparent that participation was possible, then the Federation would make all the arrangements necessary.

In proposing the granting of honorary membership to Mr Jack Skinner, the Chairman stated that four years ago, it was Mr Skinner who took the initiative and convened the first meeting of the ASF & OC at the Hongkong Hotel.

It was his leadership and his awareness of the spirit of co-operation amongst the various

sports bodies and their consciousness of the value of working together that enabled the Federation to be what it is today.

SERVICE TO SPORTS
Hongkong, through the Federation and in particular Mr Jack Skinner, was now well-known and recognised throughout the sporting world, and he (Mr Sales) felt that this great service to amateur sport in Hongkong should be recognised in a signal manner. It was, therefore, with the greatest of pleasure that he proposed that honorary membership be offered to Mr Skinner.

In seconding the proposal, Mr Ma Man-fai stated that although he and Jack Skinner had locked horns and crossed swords over many issues, he had always found the best and diplomacy displayed by that gentleman a source of pleasure and admiration, and deemed it an honour to second the proposal.

With the main items on the agenda satisfactorily dealt with, the Meeting then considered various minor business matters. The official invitation for the Colony's participation was passed around for inspection, a request to all the members of the Federation to submit a report on the year's activities of their respective associations for the year 1954 made, and other matters concerning finance dealt with.

Match Postponed

London, Dec. 21.
The English League Division 1 football fixture between Aston Villa and Manchester United, scheduled for Christmas Day, December 25, has been rearranged to Tuesday, December 28.—Reuter

HKRA SHOOT

The Hongkong Rifle Association held their bi-monthly practice spoon shoot at Kai Tak Range last Sunday with 43 members participating. As though the light was good, there was a disturbing head wind varying from North-East to North-West which made good shooting difficult at the longer ranges. Despite this, several good scores were recorded. Competitions for the National Rifle Association's Silver Medal and the Donnegal Badge 1954 were incorporated in the shooting.

There were three ties for the former prize: Henry Souza, Lt. H. J. Orpen-Smellie and A. A. Noronha all scoring 94 points each and the shoot-off will take place at the next practice shoot.

The Donnegal Badge was won by Henry Souza with the highest aggregate score at 200, 500 and 800 yards. The following are the spoon winners.

S.R. (b)
Class "A" — Mrs Orpen-Smellie 31; 30; 32 — 93.
Class "B" — Cpl Goldthorpe 32; 32; 29 — 92.
Class "C" — Cpl Towler 23; 33; 25 — 81.

S.R. (a)
Class "A" — N. P. Pavri 26; 30; 29 — 84.
Class "B" — Capt B. C. Carter 25; 29; 29 — 83.
Class "C" — J. Stringer 29; 28; 30 — 87.

The next practice shoot will be held on Sunday, 8th, January, 1955 at 9 a.m. at Kai Tak "B" Range. Firing will be at 200, 500 and 800 yards.



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Now Moses Gets That Million-dollar Look

from EILEEN TRAVIS

Cairo.
"I can't think why Cecil B. de Mille came to Egypt to film 'The Ten Commandments'." I said to a bunch of Hollywood cameramen and technicians who had just driven back from location five miles in the desert, and that distance from the Pyramids, where the biggest set in the history of moviemaking has been built—it took five months, cost \$360,000.

"The weather and sun are pretty much the same here as in Hollywood, and it de Mille had to build a set why didn't he build it there?" I asked.

A scarlet-shirted cameraman replied: "Not de Mille. If he was going to film Dante's 'Inferno' he'd have to shoot the crowd scenes in the Inferno itself."

I've just come back from location myself and can now say that the cameraman was only half-correct.

That fabulous figure, spry and agile, 74-year-old "Admiral" de Mille, as I'll always think of him in future, who looked as spry as one of his own 16 Sphinxes when I saw him, but who puts dirt fear into every one when he gets angry, has two reasons for making "The Ten Commandments" in Egypt.

AUTHENTIC TYPES
One was to capture the true spirit, the other was to get "authentic" types for the 10,000 extras—Egyptians from Cairo and surrounding villages—who are used in the crowd scenes to portray the Exodus of the Israelites.

Furthermore, there isn't a single fat-tailed sheep in the whole of America, and not as many camels in the entire United States as I saw on location—and I didn't see them all, by any means.

Water buffalos, camels, donkeys, sheep, lambs, goats, geese, pigeons, horses, thousands upon thousands—they are all in a film which won't be released until 1956. I mention them in my first breath because it was a couple of

frisky buffalos and three pistol shots that made me jump as I watched the proceedings.

There is no connection between the two, however. Three cracks from a pistol, I later found out, meant "Get going as per instructions; we're going to shoot now." Three more pistol shots meant the cameramen have stopped grinding.

This picture can be roughly divided into three compartments—stunning statistics, production problems, colossal costs. It is the most expensive picture ever undertaken. The budget runs to \$8,000,000, the set representing the Gates of Persepolis (in original colour) is the biggest ever built, 1500 ft. wide, 620 ft. deep, 108 ft. high.

De Mille's 16 Sphinxes, eight on each side lining the "Avenue of the Sphinxes," and his own three Pyramids are fast proving a greater tourist attraction than the real thing.

The workshops, paint-shop, and make-up quarters are all bigger than anything in Hollywood. Moses, played by 31-year-old Charlton Heston, will have 11 make-up changes, depicting ages from 40 to 120, when Moses died. Each wig cost \$400, each beard \$150.

ARMY HELP
Sixty-four assistant directors are helping with the film; normal quota is three. De Mille brought six with him from Hollywood, the rest are from the Egyptian film industry. They mingle with the crowds, and try to get them to follow de Mille's loudspeaker instructions, repeated in Arabic by an Egyptian assistant. Their hardest task is to prevent thousands of extras, men, women, and children who have never seen a movie camera before, from staring into the lenses when shooting begins.

Egyptian Army contingents give magnificent assistance. They guard the set and "props" day and night—including 200 chariots made here and, the \$6,000 gilt-and-leopard-skin one

made in Hollywood, the chariot in which Ramesses rides.

One assistant director is an Egyptian Army major who has been training the chariot riders, and it has been no easy task.

But the scene of the thundering chariots went off with only a couple of casualties when it was filmed last week.

RESEARCH MAN
Henry Noerdlinger, Swiss-born and educated, is de Mille's top research man and final authority on problems of authenticity. He has several hundred unpaid assistants, including many in Britain.

He knows the Bible as well as any of them, but he told me as we sat on a Jeep, Bible under his arm, de Mille to his left and camels around us as far as the eye could see: "It's a strange thing, but when we make a picture touching on religion we get thousands of letters of advice."

A recent one from a lady in Britain staggered him most: "Remember that Moses was a stammerer," was all she said. "I know that, but what kind of picture would it be with Moses stuttering for three hours?"

WRONG CENTURY
De Mille roused his research chief from bed at 11 o'clock the other night: "We need more greenery on the camels because the pictures are too brown."

"We need more sugar cane or cotton?" said the maestro. "Can we use sugar cane or cotton?"

"No," said Noerdlinger firmly, for there was not any in the 13th century B.C. "but you can use palm leaves."

God giving Moses the Ten Commandments has already been shot on Mount Sinai. Forty tabernacles went by Jeep and camel across the desert, and the inhabitants of the oldest Christian monastery in the world near The Mount were extraordinarily co-operative and were as intrigued by de Mille as he and the others were with them, including their "booby yard," as one of the cameramen

irreverently called the vault where thousands of hermit bones have been piled up through the centuries, where one skeleton sits on a chair "keeping watch" over the bones, still doing the guard duties that were his life centuries ago.

MAKE-UP TEAM
Three make-up men from Hollywood assisted by 20 locals begin making up extras at five in the morning; some are made paler, some darker "so they'll tone with people in indoor shots that will be filmed in Hollywood."

"There was no so-called Jewish look in those days," Noerdlinger told me. "The Jewish look only gradually developed and came from a purely non-Semitic people, the Hittites, who lived in what is today Turkey," he said in answer to the question: "If the picture is so authentic, how can you have Egyptians portraying Israelites?"

I would not have missed seeing little de Mille scampering up and down step-ladders, holding a Neilsen object to his eye through which he surveyed the ocean of sand, then giving clipped orders to a shoal of assistants.

Nor his remark to "Moses," who had been leading the mass exodus for two whole days: "When you lift your staff to start the Exodus, remember, my boy that 20,000 hearts will be beating behind you—including the animals."

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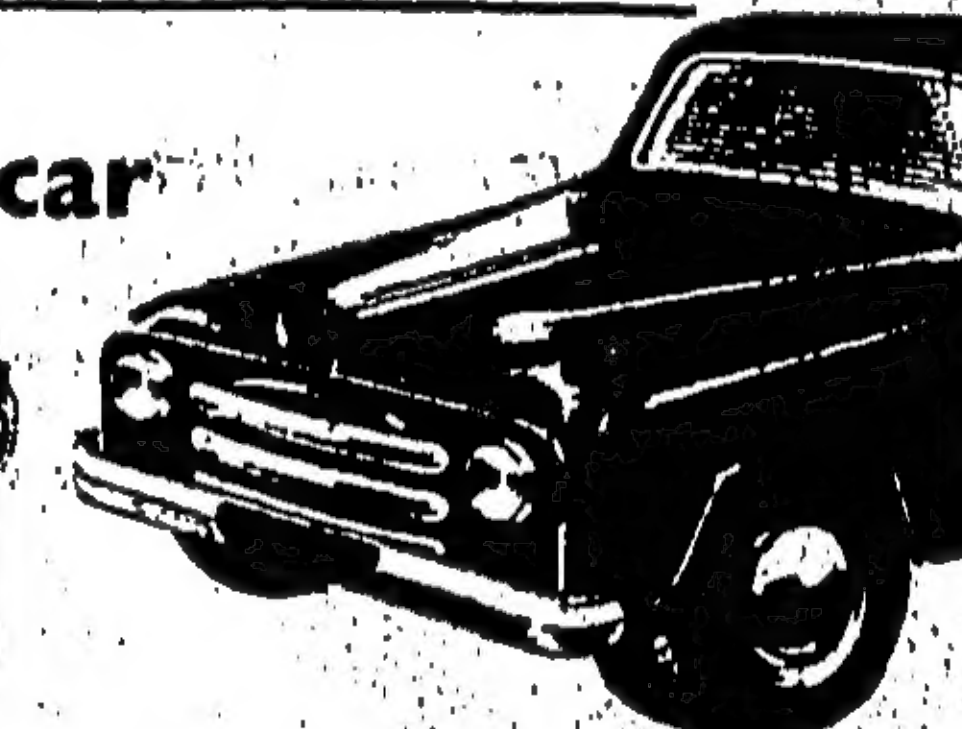
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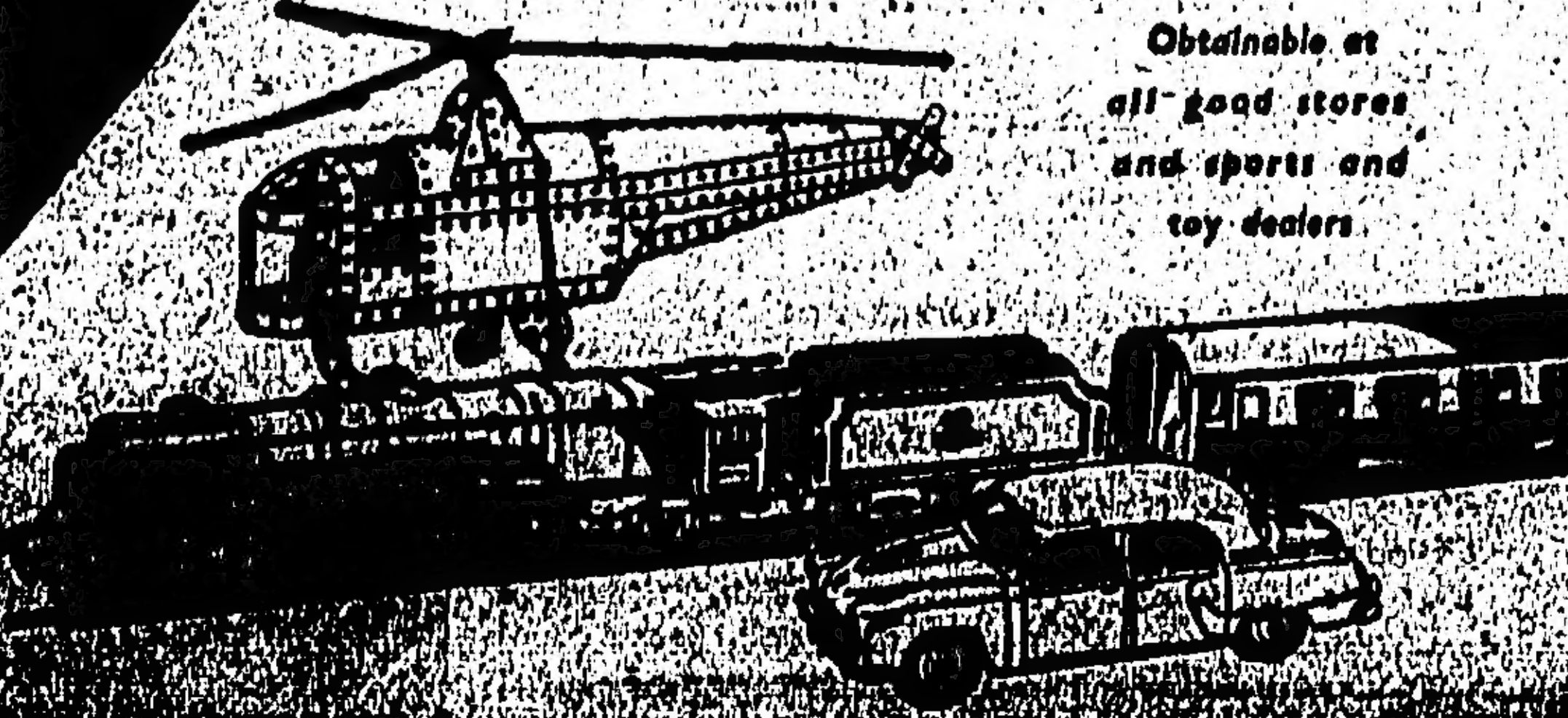
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JAMES GOODFELLOW introduces MR. HILL

The Walker Cup team report centre is a London stockbroker's office. Here Mr. G. A. (Alec) Hill, the alert 46-year-old captain, receives accounts of training progress from the 10 golfers who meet the pick of USA amateurs in the international contest at St Andrews on May 20-21.

His men will not play as a side until they meet a team of professionals, led by Henry Cotton, at Hoylake in March.

FINANCE

This, Mr Hill explains, is due to environment and finance. The players are scattered in England, Scotland and Ireland—and our amateurs have to work.

Detailing winter plans, Mr Hill said: "David Blair, 1953 Scottish Amateur champion, is going to South Africa for two months and will mix golf with business. "Philip Serfaty, a Brabazon trophy holder, is to visit USA, having received an invitation to play in the Masters tournament at Atlanta, Georgia."

DEFERRED
"Other members are playing in winter competitive events. Ian Caldwell, youngest player at 24, who has now qualified as a dentist, tells me that he is seeking a part-time post near Birmingham, of a similar golf course, so that he can get into the training."

Mr Hill says that he will be in his back garden, where he hits balls every morning.



Mr. ALEC HILL at work in his office.

He keeps a check on Walker Cup men

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hong Kong, December 22, 1954.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 4th floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 23rd day of December, 1954 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:—

"That it is desirable that the agency agreement entered into with Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Company, Limited dated 18th November, 1947 be terminated and the Board of Directors of The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited be and are hereby authorised to offer the sum of \$3,000.00 as compensation to the said Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Company, Limited in consideration of the total abandonment of all the contractual rights under the agreement dated 18th November, 1947, and that if the offer be accepted, the Board of Directors of The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited be authorised to enter into a Deed of Cession with Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Company, Limited giving effect to the said arrangements for the termination of the Agency."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. STOKER,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, 23rd November, 1954.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CIN DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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S/S "VIET-NAM"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees, and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Friday, 24th December, 1954.

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Hong Kong 22nd December 1954.

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Search For Perfect Women And Men In Australia

Sydney, Dec. 21.

A search for Australia's perfect woman and perfect man is being made by the trustees—two men and a woman—of a £A160,000 estate here. They are not hopeful of the outcome.

If found, the trustees must award the perfect woman £A500; the perfect man £A200; and grade and award 23 "also rans," consisting of 14 women and nine men.

The trustees must complete this work by April next year, and they, or their successors, must keep repeating the process every year for as long as the money lasts.

The "search" really began 33 years ago, when a grazier, named Peter Mitchell died at the age of 64.

LEFT ESTATE Mr Mitchell left estate valued at £A215,000, and his widow, then aged 57, was left £A5,000 a year from it.

On her death, the residue of the estate was to be used for annual prizes to perfect women and men.

Mrs Mitchell outlived her husband by 33 years. She died last April, aged 90.

One of the trustees, Mr Walter Henderson, a retired solicitor and grazier, who drew up Mr Mitchell's Will, was a comparatively young man of 50 when his friend died.

Now, at the age of 83, he has to begin one of the most difficult jobs he ever had to do—to find perfection in women and men.

Mr Henderson described Peter Mitchell as "a man of quaint humour and decisive action, who... read the Bible, and was a life-long student of Shakespeare and the classics."

To this "man of quaint humour," the perfect woman must have the following qualifications:

She must, under the terms of the Will, be under 30, unmarried, white, and Australian, and not the offspring of first cousins.

PHYSICAL EXCELLENCE Have physical excellence, and be free from any hereditary taint or disease, particularly of the intellect. Be bright and cheerful, and able to bear and rear healthy normal children.

Know the main elements of the history of the British empire, and know the climates and geography of Australia and its products.

Know and understand standard English, and have a sound knowledge of specified books of the Protestant Bible.

Know elementary anatomy, physiology, and first aid; practical housekeeping and domestic economy, and the need for "clean and sanitary surroundings."

Be able to swim; and ride a horse.

Once found, such woman will become eligible for the main test under the Will, which aims at discovering whether she has "a practical and theoretical knowledge of nursing, management, training, care and rearing to perfect health and strength of babies and young children."

Details of how an unmarried woman is to undertake this test have not been given.

With the exception of the housekeeping, nursing, and rearing of children qualifications, those required for the perfect man are the same. But in addition the perfect man must be able to shoot, "recreation with a rifle, and also must have 'honourably fulfilled' all military obligations imposed by the Commonwealth."

ANNUAL PRIZES In addition to these "perfect" prizes, the Will also provides for annual prizes to members of the New South Wales police force, and for Australian soldiers and sailors.

The trustees, Mr Henderson, his daughter Jocelyn and Mr Walter Tovell, a nephew of Peter Mitchell and a State member of Parliament, have already struck trouble with the estate.

The New South Wales Government has refused to exempt the £A160,000 left on Mrs Mitchell's death from death duties, on the grounds that the money is not a charitable bequest.

This will mean that £A40,000 must be paid to the State treasury.

The trustees claim that the contest will be impracticable if the State takes death duties, because there would not be enough money left to give a sufficient return for prize money throughout the years.

"Forty years ago this contest might have been workable—but not now," Mr Tovell declared, explaining that in the days when the Will was drawn up it would have been possible to invest the money from the estate and have it return enough to pay all the prizes needed. Lower taxation would have helped in this.

The trustees have also struck trouble in working out details of the competition. It is likely that no one person will have the credentials to take the top award. Many problems also arise when it comes to applying the test necessary to eliminate the runners-up in their bid for first prize.

The search is necessarily limited, because the Will did not allow travelling expenses for candidates.

DIRECTION WANTED It had been intended by the trustees to apply to the courts for a direction on the Will, with the object of allowing "partial" payment of funds at their disposal to the annual contest.

But Mr Henderson and Mr Tovell, who considered their physical strength and knowledge of literature "adequate" applied for the award.

The trustees announced that the winner of all but one of them, a man aged 60, would be fully investigated.

Until the completion of the search, the trustees' contest will be a "search for perfection."

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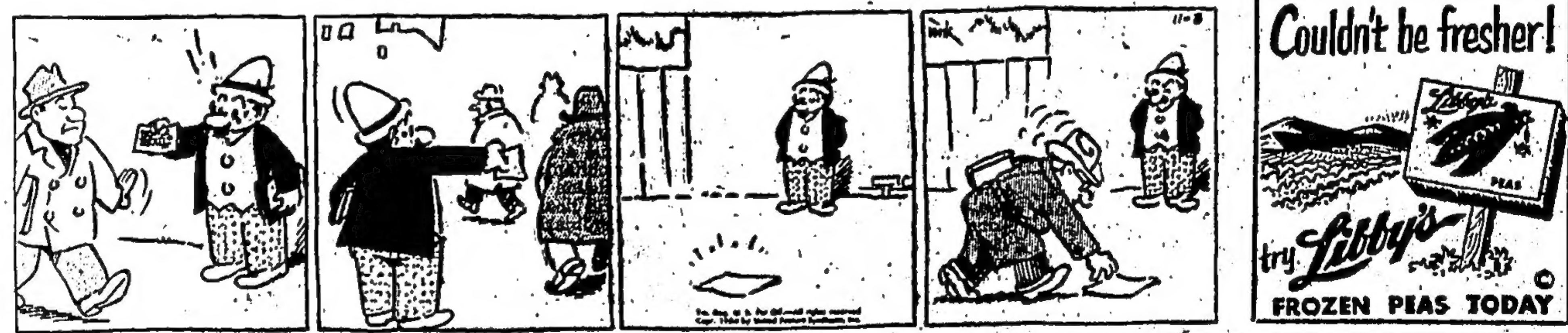
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U NU PEACE PLAN GETS COOL

No U.S. Enthusiasm For Friendship Scheme With China

Washington, Dec. 22.

The reported plan of the Burmese Premier, U Nu for a reconciliation of the United States and China has failed to arouse any enthusiasm in Government quarters here.

The official reaction of the State Department was a brief "no comment."

Far Eastern experts said they had absolutely no idea what the Premier might propose to ease the current tension between China and the United States as there had not even been informal soundings which could be a pointer to what he had in mind.

Although any proposals from the Burmese leader would naturally be considered by the United States Government officials admitted that at present they could conceive of no new reconciliation formula likely to secure the approval of both sides.

The reluctance of the State Department authorities to react publicly was also based in part on a desire to avoid saying anything which could possibly interfere with moves being made through the United Nations to secure the release of United States airmen and a number of civilians who are now detained in China.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS
On Saturday, December 25, all post offices will be closed to public business. There will be one general delivery commencing at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 27, the post office at Victoria, Kowloon, central and sheung wan will be open for public business from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be one general delivery commencing at 10 a.m. and one collection from all pillar boxes.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macau, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 8:30 a.m.
Macau, 9 a.m.
Malaya, Burma, Noon
Indo-China, 2 p.m.
Thailand, 3 p.m.
Macau, 4 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
Philippines, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Switzerland, France & Great Britain, 9 a.m.

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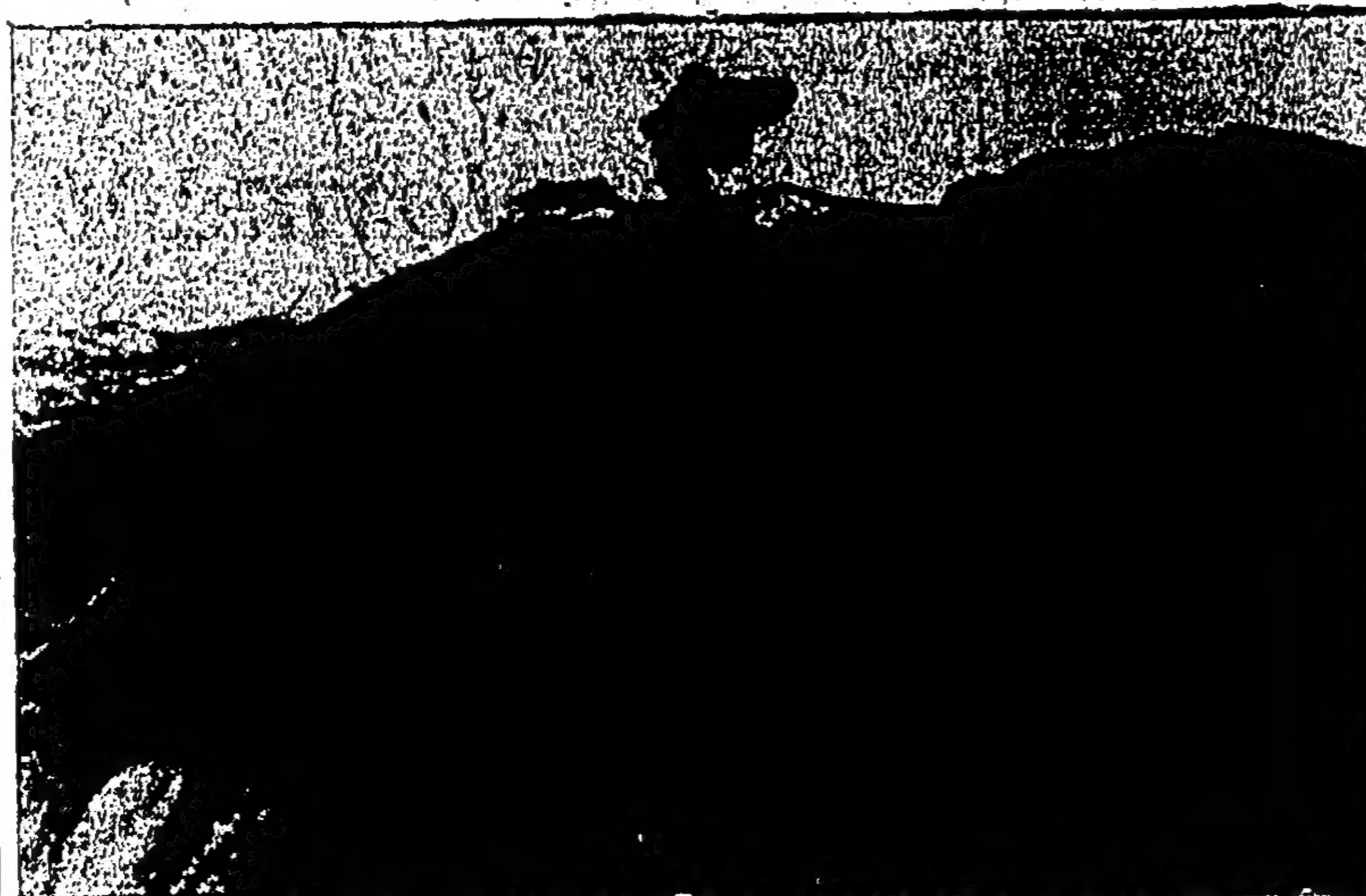
11:30 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 11:35, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio). 11:55, Western Report. 12:00, Time Signal and World News (London Relay). 12:10, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcement. 12:15, "The Christmas Geoffrey Thorneley at the piano (Concert Hall). 12:20, Test Clock. 12:25, v. Australia—Live on the 5th day's play in the 2nd Test Match at Sydney (London Relay). 7:40, "Twenty Questions" from the Concert Hall of Radio Hongkong—Question Master: Patrick Butler. The Team: Fethi Butler, Dorothy Seales, Stan Lloyd, Paddy Sheehan. 8:10, Around the world in 80 days. 8:30, "Hollins to Mr"—The fifth in a series of six programmes of personal impressions by Leroy Hollins. 9:00, "Culture in Hollywood"—8:45, Concert by the Broadway Orchestra. 9:00, "The Christmas Fox with Mimi Chow (piano)—Concerto No. 1 in C major, Op. 16 (Beethoven). 9:30, "Wednesday Theatre"—How Music came to roaring Gears (NBC/TS)—A Play by Charles Chilton based on a story by Sam Davis. 10:00, Strauss Soiree—Vienna State Opera Orchestra. 10:30, One Night Stand—John Miller and his Orchestra (with vocal). 10:55, Weather Report. 11:00, Time Signal. 11:10, News (Recorded London Relay). 11:15, Goodnight Music. God Save the Queen. 11:30, Close down.

Dr Ride Enters Hospital

Dr L. T. Ride, Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University, entered Queen Mary Hospital this morning for treatment of a sinus trouble.

Dr Ride and Mrs Ride were to have sailed in the mv Teguh at noon today on their leave to the United Kingdom. Europe said West Africa where he was to visit colleges on behalf of the Inter-University Board for Education in the Colonies.

STROMBOLI ERUPTS AGAIN



This picture shows the recent eruption of the Stromboli Volcano in Italy.—London Express Photo.

GERMAN WOMAN TELLS OF SHANGHAI 'CONCENTRATION CAMPS'

A German woman passenger, who described herself as "a little bird out of the cage", related her experience of her two years' confinement in a "concentration camp" for foreigners when she arrived from Shanghai in the British motorship Yochow this morning.

The passenger, Miss Evelyn Neubourg, 36, was picked up and put in the camp in October 1952 because she was jobless.

The camp, which was established in that year was situated in Chapel, outside the former international settlement area in Shanghai. Most of the foreigners in Shanghai who were jobless were confined in that camp.

It had now more than 300 foreigners of different nationalities, Spaniards, Germans, Greeks, Russians and many others, but no British and Americans. Most of the foreigners in Shanghai who were jobless were confined in that camp.

HAD TO BEHAVE
Everyone had to behave well and be obedient and if anyone acted against the regulations or behaved badly, he was locked up in the cell, she said.

The occupants were supplied with bedding and food and nothing else. The meals consisted of plain rice and green vegetables, with hardly any meat and no milk. The first decent meal she had in the past two years was on board the ship coming to Hongkong, Miss Neubourg told the Press.

They were given work every day but it was not compulsory. The wages for one month's labour was in general about 20,000 JMFs (17,000 JMFs equivalent to £1).

Most of the occupants who were under the care of the International Refugee Organisation did not work. The organisation gave them a subsidy of 250,000 JMFs each month which they collected under close Police escort.

THREE CHINESE CAMPS
Miss Neubourg said besides the camp for foreigners there were three Chinese camps in the same compound, which were established soon after the liberation. There were "the confining place for the jobless Chinese people who were picked up by the authorities."

The Chinese worked for public utilities such as road making. The highest reward for these Chinese labourers, she heard, was 50,000 JMFs. "They (authorities) made you work like heck and you get nothing," Miss Neubourg said. Continuing the description of the camp, Miss Neubourg said that the barracks occupied a large area although the camps were in the compound. The camp for the foreigners was well separated from the Chinese ones and at every strategic position there were military guards posted.

The Chinese in the camps were allowed to go out once in a while provided that their behaviour was good.

"A LITTLE BIRD"
It was through the efforts of the German Resident Association which existed in Shanghai for many years, that she finally managed to leave.

Miss Neubourg was born in China, and lived with her parents. Her mother had left China in 1952 for Germany.

When asked whether she felt happy to leave China, she said, "Am I glad to. I told the ship's chief officer yesterday that I am a little bird which has been let out of the cage."

Other passengers arriving in the same trip were G.V. Savolel, Z.V. Savolel, L.G. Savolel, N.G. Savolel, V.G. Savolel, V.S. Youscovich, M. Naham, J. Fevitz, H. Pollak, Ove Corell and W. Szymkowski.

BAILEY ACCUSES PETER SIN AT LIBEL TRIAL

Albert Francis Bailey, 33-year-old merchant on trial at the Criminal Sessions for alleged libel, this morning accused Mr Peter Sin, a former solicitor of his, of being involved in the forgery of a cheque.

Bailey, who is conducting his own defence, is alleged to have maliciously published defamatory libels in the form of letters to Messrs Peter Sin, Y. H. Chan (also a solicitor) and S. K. Yee.

The Prosecution is conducted by Mr Arthur Hooper, Q.C. and Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel. Both are assisted by Detective Inspector R. Dudman.

Before he resumed his evidence this morning, the accused expressed his intention of subpoenaing Mr S. K. Yee to produce documents.

His Lordship asked if it would not be sufficient to produce the documents needed without the necessity of recalling the witness all over again.

WANTS 'WHOLE LOT'

Bailey said he wanted Mr Yee to produce "the whole lot of documents without any more bother". In this way documents which were not originally produced could be produced. Accused expressed his apology to all concerned, saying, however, that he needed every document that could help him in his case.

Resuming his evidence, Bailey said he would like Mr Yee to produce one document in particular which he did not produce when he was called on subpoena on Monday.

ONLY ONE FILE

Mr Justice Reynolds asked if the accused had asked Mr Yee at the time if he had a document with him. Bailey said Mr Yee then had only one file with him, and therefore he did not trouble to ask him if he had the document he wanted.

Bailey next referred to a bill of \$33,000 dated May 28. To this bill was attached another bill for \$1,000, dated May 28. The accused termed the first bill "a forgery". The date on it, he said, was false.

Referring to the cheque drawn by him on the United Chinese Bank for \$33,000, dated May 30, 1951, Bailey said he last saw this cheque over three and a half years ago.

AN ALTERATION

Now, when he saw it once again, he had found an alteration. The date had been changed to May 28. And it had been changed into a cash cheque from a cross-cheque.

There was also a chop on the document which showed the cheque was cashed by the Bank on May 29. A receipt produced in this regard by Mr Sin, however, was dated one day before the cheque was even cashed.

"Very funny, my Lord," Bailey commented.

He went on to say that he would go further into the matter of the forgery at a later time, when he would be producing witnesses.

Hearing is proceeding.

Chinese Students Ask Hammaraskjold To Help

New York, Dec. 21.

Thirty-one Chinese students, denied exit visas to leave the United States, have asked the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammaraskjold, to use his "good offices" to assist their departure from the United States. It was disclosed today.

Their request was made in a letter dated December 16 sent to the Secretary-General. Copies were also sent to newspapers and news agencies, but only arrived today presumably having been delayed by the Christmas mail rush.

The students were among 35 whose scientific training was considered to be of military value to Communist China and who still wished to leave.

The State Department announced last week they were still being "screened" for export visas.

WAITING SINCE 1951
In their letter the 31 Chinese students said some of them had been waiting for exit permits since 1951 or 1952.

"Though the exact number of Chinese students who are subjected to this restriction cannot be ascertained, we know that the number who desire urgently to return home are considerably more than the undersigned," their letter said.

"Many of us have repeatedly appealed to the President, the State Department and the Immigration and Naturalisation Service of the United States but to no avail. Some of us have been waiting for exit permits for as long as three years."

HUMAN RIGHTS
The letter referred to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights containing the clause: "Everyone has the right to leave any country including his own, and to return to his country."

"On humanitarian grounds we hereby respectfully request you to transmit our communication to the Human Rights Commission and to the delegations of the various member nations, and we trust that you will use your good offices to bring about appropriate action on our behalf," the letter continued.

"We believe that any action in our favour will be a positive step in upholding the declared principles of the United Nations and the sacred cause of humanity."—Reuter.

Big U.S. Carrier Arrives

The 38,000-ton American aircraft carrier Yorktown, accompanied by four destroyers, arrived this morning to spend the Christmas holiday here.

Under the command of Captain G. L. Huff, the Yorktown has an overall length of 888 feet and a beam of 129 feet. Her carrying capacity is about 100 aircraft.

The destroyers are the Blue, Alfred A. Cunningham, Frank F. Evans and McKean.

Yorktown is moored at the Eastern Docks, Goods, Anchorage in Kowloon Bay.

Small Fire At Sookunpo Market

Burning electric wiring on the outside wall of the Sookunpo Market caused some anxiety to the stall owners of the market this morning.

The fire, which was immediately called, was put out with an extinguisher. The wall of the market was slightly charred but not damaged. The cause of the fire was not known.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Hard times

THE crowded, brightly lit street, and all the people in it, seemed to have caught the spirit of the season from the Christmas displays in the gay shop windows.

Strangers smiled at strangers. Good will seemed to be abroad. And in the whole length of the busy pavement there was only one island of gloom. It was a very small island, formed by a little man with a turned-up nose and a turned-down mouth, who stood in the lee of a great store, a few packets of book matches held in a trembling hand before him.

CONTRIBUTORS
HUNG, from a string round his neck, the little man wore a battered piece of cardboard on which was written a kind of caption to the picture of despair his attitude presented. The caption said:

Almost
LOST HOPE

The "Almost" was written so small and the rest so large, that his hopelessness was hardly qualified. The message caught the eye of many of those who hurried past, and touched the hearts of five at least in a matter of two or three minutes.

These five, all women gave the little man money. None took a box of matches.

THE CHASE

A SIXTH person stopped before the little man—a burly police inspector, who said: "I'm arresting you, for begging."

"Give me a chance," replied the little man, whose name was Arthur. Towards the police station.

They had not gone more than a yard or two before Arthur broke away at the double. The inspector recaptured him 300 breathless yards down the street.

Next morning, at Marlborough Street, Arthur pleaded not guilty, and the inspector told his story to Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the magistrate. He described the chase.

SNORRISH

SAID the magistrate: "It doesn't sound as though he'd entirely given up hope."

"I tell you why I done that, sir," Arthur said. "I didn't want the disgrace of me begging, knowing what I'd been doing. They're rather apologetic people."

"What about this notice you were carrying?" the magistrate asked.

"Well, look at the price of things," Arthur replied. "I been earning 30s. to 35s. a week—musician in pubs—and I don't drink."

"But lately I been hard up, 'cos people've stopped going to pubs and drinking 'cos of saving money. I've lost my job, sir."

"What instrument do you play as a musician?"

"The piano," Arthur said, "and I have a certain histrionic ability. Monologues, Shakespeare, that sort of thing."

"Is anything known about him?" Mr Bennett asked.

There were two previous convictions. The probation officer, Mr Charles Morgan, rose. "We've known this man a long time," he said. "He's a humbug. He hasn't done any real work for a long time."

The magistrate nodded. "Pay 10s," he told Arthur.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Important SEATO Meeting In Bangkok

Washington, Dec. 21.

An announcement of details for an eight-power Southeast Asian defence treaty meeting in Bangkok next February is expected simultaneously in the capitals of the eight member countries early next week, probably on Monday.

The announcement of the meeting—mentioned by Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, at his press conference today—was expected to make it clear that this would be one of the most important conferences ever held in South-east Asia.

The conference was expected to bring together the Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States, Thailand, Australia, the Philippines, Pakistan, France and New Zealand to discuss ways of guaranteeing the sovereignty of non-Communist nations against open aggression, subversion and economic poverty.

THREE-FOLD OBJECTIVE
According to plans now being discussed in Washington, the meeting will have a three-fold objective.

1. To have defence organisation working quickly with special committees set up to co-ordinate effort.

2. To plan a co-ordinated offensive against Communist infiltration and possible subversion in Indo-China, Indonesia and Thailand.

3. To use article three of the defence treaty signed in Manila on September 8 to spark economic development of Asia through existing channels, such as the Colombo Plan, the United States point four programme and United Nations agencies.

Mr Dulles said today that the unrolling United States military policies meant that atomic weapons would become standard in the American arsenal.

NO ATOMIC WEAPONS

But, according to present thinking in working group meetings which for several weeks have been laying the ground work for the Bangkok meeting, military planning under the Manila pact would not embrace plans for using atomic weapons.

The general belief was that a Communist attempt to extend power in South-east Asia, by work for the Bangkok meeting, was the chance of a Communist expansion by covert subversion were very much higher.

Therefore, the Manila pact military planning would more likely be based upon building up a strong defence with conventional weapons.

and special air, army and navy mission.

Under such a scheme Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the United States would supply missiles and equipment, if approached by other pact members.

NO INTENTION

But powerful United States and Allied naval forces and land forces based in the area for other purposes—such as the Australian and British units in Malaya—would be a deterrent against open aggression.

There was no intention at the moment to set up new economic and technical aid machinery under the Manila pact. Rather it was hoped that article three of the pact would generate more action in existing programmes.

Under article three, the nations pledged: "To co-operate with one another in the further development of economic measures, including technical assistance, designed both to promote economic progress and social well-being and to increase the standard of living and the effect of peacekeeping."